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President Bakr returns to Iraq

RIYADH, April 7 — President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr left here Saturday for Baghdad after a six-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he performed the umra, and held talks with King Khaled.

President Bakr is the first Iraqi head of state to visit Saudi Arabia and hold talks with the King in over 11 years.

King Khaled gave a luncheon party in honor of President Bakr which was attended by members of the royal family and military officials.

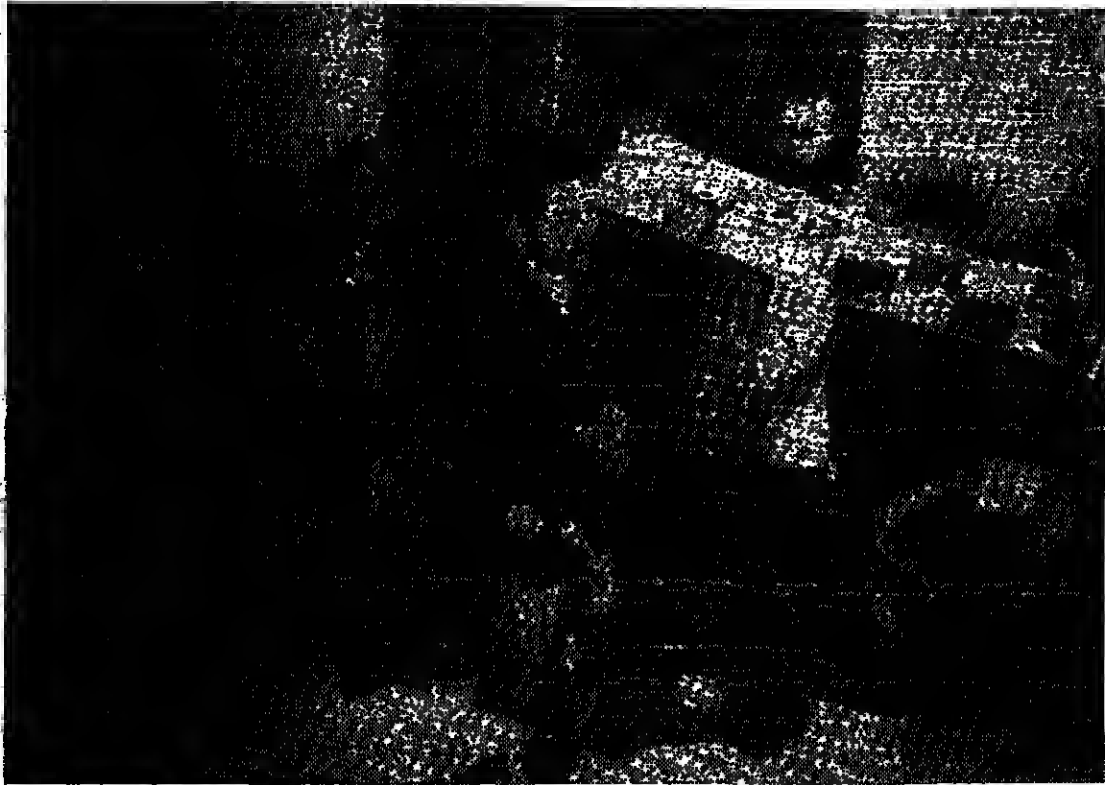
President Bakr was seen off at the airport by King Khaled, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh and Ahmad Abdul Wahhab, head of the royal protocol.

AIO head arrives on visit



RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Sheikh Faisal Al-Qasbi, chairman of the Arab Industries Organization (AIO) arrived here Saturday on a short visit.

He was met at the airport by Dr. Muhammad Al-Milhem, minister of state and member of the council of ministers, and other senior officials.



DEATH TRIAL — Former Iranian army officers Lt. Col. Hadi Golestani (left) and Bahador Bahadori (in camouflaged jacket), on trial for murder of anti-Shah demonstrators, argue for their lives Friday night in Tehran as prosecution evidence shows photos of slain victims. The two men were executed a few hours later with four others. (AP Photo)

Egypt recalls ambassadors from seven Arab capitals

CAIRO, April 7 (Agencies) — Egypt Saturday decided to recall its ambassadors from seven Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, in retaliation for the political and economic sanctions they agreed to impose on it for signing the separate peace treaty with Israel.

The foreign ministry announcement was carried by the official Middle East News Agency (MENA). It quoted a spokesman as saying the government of Egypt "has decided to recall its ambassadors from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Tunisia and Morocco, because of their action that is incompatible with the necessities of Arab solidarity."

The envoys of these countries to Cairo, with the exception of Morocco, left earlier this week following a decision by their governments to boycott Egypt politically and economically for signing a separate peace accord with Israel.

In another defiant move, Egypt said Saturday it would not allow the headquarters of the Arab League to be moved from Cairo. Last week the Baghdad confer-

ence decided to temporarily move the League headquarters in Tunis as well as other measures against Sadat for signing a separate peace treaty with Israel.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil told a joint closed session of parliament's foreign relations and Arab affairs committees: "Neither the headquarters of the League nor any of its affiliated bodies will be transferred from Egypt."

Dr. Khalil, whose remarks were carried by MENA, added: "Egypt will not submit to a wrong decision which is contrary to the League charter. Egypt insists on Arab solidarity."

Though there is little Egypt can do to prevent other League members from using Tunis as a temporary headquarters, it can prevent League files and other documents being shipped abroad.

Egypt has already frozen its activities in the League, but Khalil, who was answering questions on the peace treaty before it is presented to parliament for full debate, reiterated Egypt had no intention of actually withdrawing from the organization.

In a military development, U.S. military officials will discuss a new arms deal with Egypt in talks beginning here Monday, two Cairo daily newspapers said Saturday.

"Al-Abram" and "Al-Gomhouria" said the deal would involve supplying Egypt with naval, air and air defense weapons, and the talks, lasting two to three days, would also deal with regional security in the Middle East.

"Al-Abram" said last month that Egypt had asked the U.S. for a large number of Phantom fighter planes, various types of missiles and electronic equipment.

During U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown's visit here in February, U.S. officials said Sadat requested 300 F-16 fighter bombers, 600 tanks, 500 artillery pieces and more than 40,000 military vehicles such as armored personnel carriers and trucks.

Earlier in Tel Aviv, Israel and the United States Friday signed contracts under which America will finance and build two military airfields to replace those to be evacuated by Israel under the

peace treaty with Egypt.

An Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be responsible for the billion dollar project to build two airports in the Negev Desert.

The Corps will supply most of the necessary manpower and equipment for the two airports which are to be built at Matred, near Beersheba, and further south at Bikat Ovdia. They will be ready for operational use within the three years Israel will take to withdraw from its present airfields in Sinai.

Financing the airfields will (Continued on back page)

Shah's half-sister arrested Hoveyda executed in Tehran

TEHRAN, April 7 (Agencies) — Amir Abbas Hoveyda, the Shah's prime minister for 13 years, was executed by a firing squad Saturday, the Voice of Islamic Republic radio announced.

The terse announcement, aired at the beginning of the official station's evening news program, said, "Mr. Amir Abbas Hoveyda, prime minister of Iran for 13 years, was executed a few minutes ago."

Hoveyda's execution came one day after revolutionary authorities in Tehran resumed trials and executions of supporters of the former regime.

Hoveyda was found guilty by an Islamic court in Tehran of being "a corrupt element on earth, responsible for spreading corruption and treason to Iran," the state radio said later in the evening.

The 57-year-old former premier's trial was apparently held as part of the resumption of revolution of revolutionary trials after a three-week suspension ordered by Ayatollah Khomeini.

But there was no official indication that the trial had begun, in spite of statements by the public prosecutor that Hoveyda might be allowed a French defense lawyer and that journalists might be allowed to attend his trial.

Earlier Saturday, revolutionary courts executed six more military and police officers of the Shah's regime and rounded up a host of new suspects, including a half-sister of the Shah in a new burst of activity against remnants of the old regime.

The newspaper "Ettelaat" said Princess Fatemeh Pahlavi, 49, was arrested Saturday in Tehran and was under heavy security at Qasr Prison. A prison official reached by telephone Saturday afternoon confirmed she was being held, but would provide no additional

information.

There was no word of the charges against the princess, who had been a leading Tehran socialite and active in educational causes before her second husband, air force Gen. Muhammad Khatami, was killed in a hang-glider accident three years ago.

She had spent most of her time in seclusion since then.

The Shah's other two sisters, Princess Ashraf and Shams, are already outside the country.

Reports said 35 more people had been arrested by revolutionary guards in Tehran in the past 48 hours, including former ministers, parliament deputies, judges, military officers and a university professor.

The newspaper "Kayhan", quoting sources at the Revolutionary Justice Office, said militiamen were trying to arrest everyone on a list of 1520 officials of the former regime.

Those reported arrested in the latest swoops included Hussein Najafi, minister of justice under Shapour Bakhtiari, the prime minister overthrown in February, and Gholam-Reza Kianpour, minister of information and justice in the cabinet of Amir Abbas Hoveyda.

The two generals and four soldiers of the Shah's disbanded Imperial Guard shot by firing squad before dawn Saturday were among the first victims of new rules sanctioning the death penalty.

The condemned men were machinegunned after secret trials which continued into the night at Qasr Prison.

The new government regulations, announced two days ago, said such trials would in principle be open to the public, but news of the latest verdicts and executions was given only in the morning on the national radio.

The six men executed by firing squad had been charged with killing or ordering the killing of protesters throughout Iran in the final months of the revolution.

The generals were Brig.-Gen. Amir Abbas, former head of the Airborne Commando Group in the central town of Najafabad, near Isfahan, and Maj.-Gen. Muhammad Jaavad Molavi Taleghani, former Tehran police chief and head of riot control forces.

The men of the elite Imperial Guard were Lt. Col. Hadiye Golestani, Lt.-Col. Mashallah Eftekar Manesh, Lt. Behador Behadori and Pvt. Mustafa Sadri.

Three former officers of the regular police and the SAVAK secret police were shot by firing squad at dawn Friday in Isfahan.

Before that, there had been a three-week lull in political executions after a decision by Khomeini to suspend them pending the new regulations.

At least 49 political prisoners had already been executed before the move.

Apparently to satisfy a popular desire for revenge for massacres by the Shah's armed forces towards the end of the revolution, Tehran newspapers Saturday published photographs of condemned men shot by the Isfahan and Tehran firing squads.

Those in Isfahan were seen riddled with bullets, blindfolded and bound to poles on which were banners with verses from the Quran.

The bodies of those executed in



Amir Abbas Hoveyda

Tehran were photographed lying side by side on the ground. Newspapers also printed separate photographs of their faces.

Reports described emotional confessions and pleas by the Imperial Guardsmen during their 15-hour trials.

The newspapers, which did not name a source for their account, said Golestani was questioned about a report in which he said his men had killed 70 people.

"I did not read the report. I just signed it," he told the court.

One newspaper, "Ettelaat", said some members of the public were believed to have attended Friday night's trials and that a television film crew was present.

It quoted Golestani as saying, "please forgive me. I am prepared to accept only one meal a day if you will just let me live."

Troops halt protests over Bhutto hanging

ISLAMABAD, April 7 (R) — Soldiers replaced police on the streets of two major cities Saturday and quelled renewed demonstrations over the hanging of Pakistan's former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Armed troops patrolled Karachi and para-military Sulej Rangers were called out in Lahore, one of the towns worst hit by violent protests Friday against the execution of Bhutto three days ago.

The soldiers in the streets subdued pro-Bhutto violence in the two cities, but elsewhere demonstrators clashed with police, stoned a passenger train, burned a municipal vehicle and put up roadblocks on the national highway.

Military courts were busy sentencing protesters against

Bhutto's execution for ordering the murder of a political opponent during the five years he was in power before being overthrown by Gen. Zia ul-Haq in 1977.

Sentences ranged from six months to one year's imprisonment, or five to 10 lashes. The courts specified that women or infirm demonstrators could be lashed sitting down.

Troops dispersed pro-Bhutto demonstrators who burned a municipal garbage truck in Karachi.

In Hyderabad, 160 kilometers from Karachi, a crowd raised anti-government banners and stoned police outside a High Court compound where 200 lawyers had gathered to pray for the future of Pakistan.

The police battn-charged the (Continued on back page)

UAE lauds Carter oil program but U.S. opponents have doubts

ABU DHABI, April 7 (Agencies) — UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba Saturday welcomed President Jimmy Carter's latest energy plan.

The official UAE news agency WAM quoted Oteiba as saying Carter's proposals — including an excess profits tax on U.S. oil companies and decontrol of American oil prices — would help alleviate the energy crisis.

"We welcome any step to economize energy consumption because oil is used in hundreds of thousands of industries and should not be wasted as a cheap material," Oteiba said.

He added that the UAE, which produces 1.8 million barrels of crude a day, has stabilized its production at that level to "safeguard future generations' right in this wealth."

In London, meanwhile, Prime Minister James Callaghan Friday called the Carter plan a bold one and said it would help convince other countries that the United States is serious about cutting energy consumption.

He said Britain has pledged to increase the use of coal in its power stations, but said at the same time the country will continue to exploit its North Sea oil production, now running at a record 1.5 million barrels a day.

In Washington, however, the

Carter energy message was not greeted with unanimous praise. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger estimated that the decontrol of prices on domestically produced oil would cost the average American family an extra \$75 to \$100 a year for gasoline and heating oil.

He estimated that the windfall profit tax would yield \$5 billion in its first year, gradually building up to \$9 billion in 1981, when controls on oil prices will have been completely lifted.

The tax money under the Carter plan — which needs congressional approval — would be used to aid the poor, for mass transit programs and to help develop new energy sources.

Carter does not need congressional approval to decontrol prices, but in the Congress there was mounting opposition Friday to the windfall profits part of his proposal.

Leaders in both houses said the president would have a hard time winning approval of the plan as submitted, especially in the Senate where oil-industry allies form a powerful obstacle to any energy tax proposal.

Congressional leaders said the formula for distributing the tax revenues was drawing the most fire on Capitol Hill.

Sources close to House Speaker

Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., said he felt the tax plan was likely to squeak through the House, but that it would have serious problems in the upper house.

A Senate move to give proceeds from the tax back to the oil companies could result in a drawn out fight between the two houses of Congress, and that might spell the doom of the entire plan, congressional sources said.

Under Carter's plan half the additional profits oil companies would receive because of the decontrol of oil prices would go to the government.

At a news conference, Republican House leaders criticized Carter's proposal to use the windfall profits tax for anything other than to encourage increased oil production, although they generally agreed with his decision to lift price controls.

"The plan, if it is a plan, is too late and not headed in the right direction," said House Minority Leader John Rhodes of Arizona.

"The president is going back to the same old idea, which hasn't worked, of trying to conserve energy by raising prices."

Rhodes reiterated a longstanding GOP contention that any windfall profits tax should have a so-called "plowback" provision (Continued on back page)

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U.S. maintaining Indian Ocean naval force

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — The U.S. Navy is changing much of its warship force in the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area, but the 80,000-ton aircraft carrier Constellation will remain there longer than planned, defense officials said Friday.

The movement of five U.S. Navy ships into the Indian Ocean to replace a similar number already cruising there was confirmed by the Navy Friday.

Navy officials said presence of the task force is intended to show "U.S. support for peace and stability in that area."

The Navy said nothing about the future of the Constellation, but other Pentagon officials said the ship will stay in the Arabian Sea until relieved by the carrier Midway, reported at sea off Japan Friday.

The carrier Ranger was en route to replace the Constellation when the Ranger collided Thursday with a Liberian-registered tanker in the South China Sea. The Ranger was said to be returning to the U.S. naval base at Subic Bay in the Philippines. Damage was reported relatively light.

The Ranger will be the only U.S. carrier in the western Pacific after the Midway enters the Indian Ocean to replace the Constellation, which is overdue to sail for its home port of San Diego, California, after more than six months away.

The five-ship task force which passed through the Strait of Malacca was to have accompanied the Ranger but will now proceed without that carrier.

The relieving force includes the guided-missile cruiser England, the guided-missile destroyer Robison, the destroyer Elliot, the frigate Downes and the combat-support ship Camden. The Camden is normally based in Bremerton, Washington, the other four ships in San Diego.

The United States has sent naval task forces into the Indian Ocean off and on since early 1972, but has kept ships in those waters constantly since mid-November because of the turmoil in Iran followed by fighting in Yemen and because of general concern for the security of Arab Gulf countries.

The Navy declined to say how long it will keep ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area, but it stressed that the dispatch of the relieving task force "does not indicate that the U.S. has decided to increase permanently its naval presence" there.

All told, the U.S. Navy has about 11 ships in vast waters including the Indian Ocean, the Arabian sea, the Gulf of Aden and the Gulf.

The Soviet Union normally maintains a force of about 20 to 22 naval vessels in the same waters.

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Turkey will begin drawing Saudi lifeline in 2 months

By James Buchan

JEDDAH, April 7 — Within two months, Turkey will begin drawing on Saudi project credit of \$ 250 million agreed last week, Turkish Embassy officials said Saturday.

The funds, from the government's Saudi Fund for Development, will permit completion of projects delayed or halted by Turkey's crippling shortage of hard currency. The projects, all in the public sector, include a cotton mill, highways and energy schemes.

The aid follows an agreement signed in Ankara Thursday between Saudi Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail and Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit. It is the first ever commitment by the fund to Turkey and follows a visit to Turkey at the end of last year by two fund officials to make a preliminary evaluation of projects. Sheikh Muhammad's visit, which was due to end Saturday, is the highest-level contact between Saudi Arabia and Ecevit's 15-month government.

Original press reports in Jeddah suggested that Turkey was seeking

up to SR 1.5 billion in credit and Turkish Finance Minister Ziya Muezzinoglu said Wednesday he would attempt to raise the loan ceiling. But the fund is restricted under its charter to loans not greater than 10 per cent of its \$3 billion capital to a single borrower.

At the same time, Sheikh Muhammad told reporters at Ankara Airport that Saudi Arabia preferred bilateral dealings with Turkey and would not participate in the emergency fund of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

IDB directors to meet

Kayyal views contract with Swedish minister

By Tim Sisley

RIYADH, April 7 — Minister of PTT Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal Saturday conferred with Swedish Communications Minister Anitha Bondestam on the performance of Swedish companies involved in the Ministry's projects and other areas where Swedish expertise might find a role.

In statement at the airport on her arrival from Jeddah, Dr. Kayyal has said that he was satisfied with the performance of Swedish firms here.

The major Swedish telecommunications involvement in the Kingdom is in the \$ 3 billion telephone extension project being carried out by L.M. Eriksson with Bell Canada and Philips of Holland.

In her reply, Mrs. Bondestam suggested that the Kingdom might usefully acquire the mobile telephone switching system used in Sweden.

Dr. Kayyal said that Mrs. Bondestam has invited him to visit Sweden, at a date yet to be fixed.

Mrs. Bondestam arrived in the Kingdom Saturday and flew from Jeddah to Riyadh. Her visit, which

Sanaa aide sees

Kingdom's envoy

SANAA, April 7 (SPA) — North Yemen Foreign Minister Hussein Al-Amri conferred here Saturday with Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Tarrad Al-Haidhi.

will last four days, is in part returning a visit Dr. Kayyal made to her country last summer. The telephone contract was signed in January 1978.

She is also due to be received by King Khaled and hold talks with Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algasbi, as well as seeing the head of L.M. Eriksson in the Kingdom, Henrik Johansson.

Mrs. Bondestam is due to visit the Riyadh ground satellite station and new electronic telephone exchanges.

SPA adds: The new council of executive directors of the Islamic Development Bank will hold its first session Monday under President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali.

The president said that the council will discuss projects in Muslim countries and such policies as the rate of service charges on loans.

He added that the council will consider a report prepared by a working group lately on the financing foreign trade to promote trade between Muslim countries affiliated to the bank.

The new members of the council were elected at the recent meeting of the bank's governors in Kampala.

Singapore trade aide in Kingdom

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Singapore's Trade Undersecretary Brook Emrand arrived here Saturday for talks with Saudi officials on promoting trade cooperation. He was met at the airport by Commerce Undersecretary Yusuf Al-Hamdan.

Khaibar passes out land plots

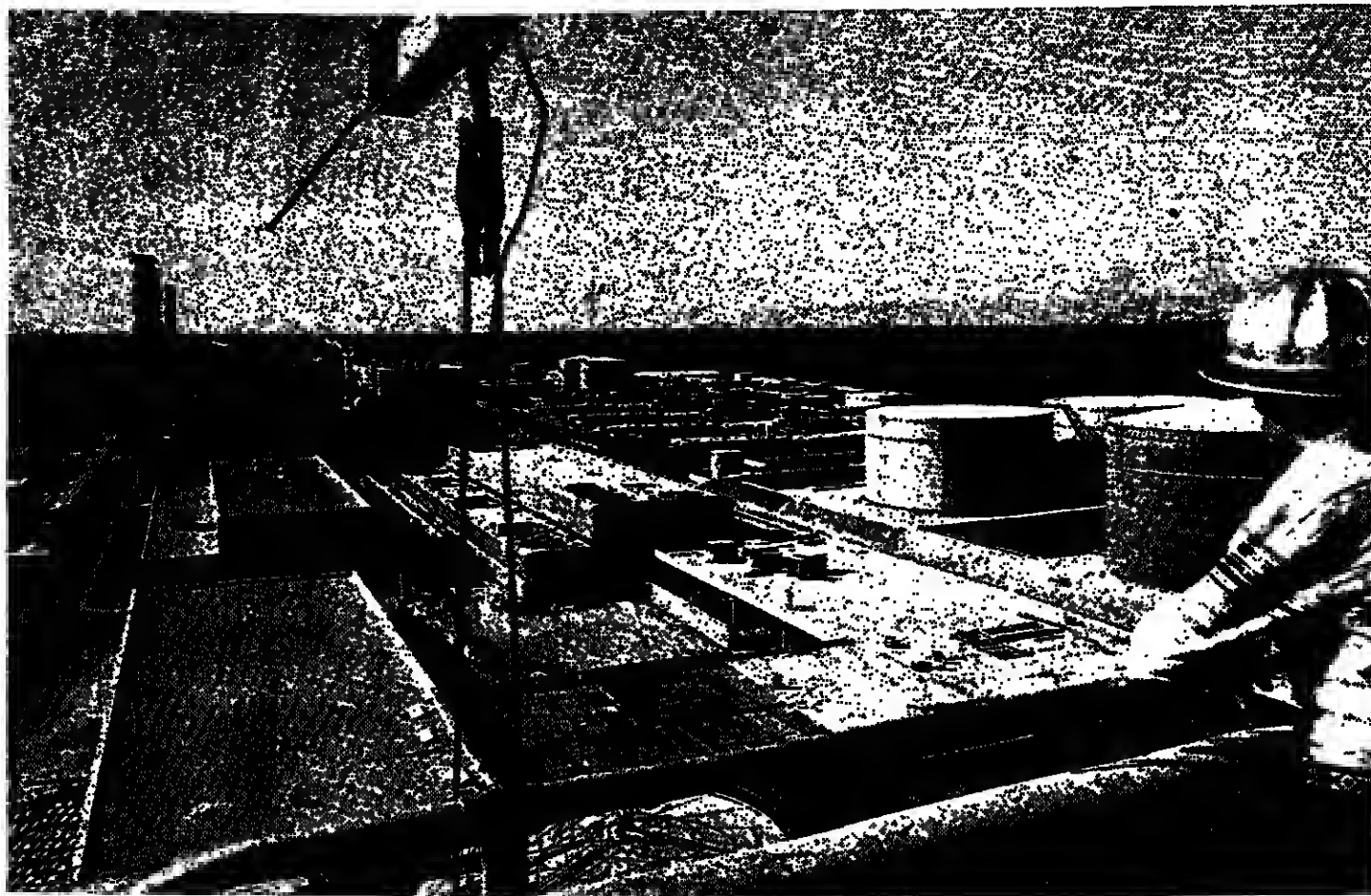
KHAIBAR, April 7 — Khaibar Municipality has granted 1,626 of 10,000 demands for land plots, "Al-Medina" reported Saturday. An industrial zone is also planned in Khaibar.

Bahrain municipal chief here

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — The head of Bahrain's central municipal body Sheikh Abdullah ibn Muhammad Al-Khalifa, arrived here Saturday on a two day visit. He was met at the airport by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed.

Dammam drain deal awarded

DAMMAM, April 7 (SPA) — The Water and Sewage Department here Saturday signed a SR74,851,500 contract with a Saudi firm for the first part of maintenance and renovation of project.



A BIT BRITISH: Phase II of the Jeddah desalination program, designed by British consultants Ewbank and Partners.

Joint Commission closes

Scope for U.K. seen in health, schools, transport

JEDDAH, April 7 — The fourth annual session of the Saudi-British Joint Commission ended seven days of meetings here Saturday with provisions for greater British involvement in health, education, and inner-city transport and in private-sector joint ventures.

Meeting against a background of increased British exports to Saudi Arabia — a 36 per cent leap in visible last year — the two sides also reviewed progress in existing areas of cooperation, notably fisheries, aid services and frontier security and electricity production.

While British officials have always privately lamented that the joint commission has never acquired the status and scope of its senior partner, the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission, this week's meeting was notable for its size and progress, British officials said.

In the warm political atmosphere created by the Queen's visit in February, the British side was clearly encouraged by the £784 million pounds in exports to Saudi Arabia last year — at a time of strong sterling and of unspectacular British performance in the construction sector.

It is by far the most successful of the four meetings", British Department of Trade Undersecretary Peter Gregson told a press conference at the Foreign Ministry here Saturday evening.

And Deputy Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah Alireza, who headed the 21-strong Saudi side, indicated last week that contract signings and deal agreements were not necessary for a successful meeting.

Gregson, who headed the delegation, was accompanied by officials of various British minis-

tries and public corporations involved here, private sector representatives from the Committee for Middle East Trade and a group from the Technical Collaboration Unit, reflecting Saudi interest in effective technology transfer.

During more than seven hours of talks in Jeddah, and at side meetings in Riyadh, the two sides resolved to increase cooperation in education — with the British Council offering teaching services at the new Riyadh University. New health cooperation programs, primarily in staffing, were agreed and the Department of Transport also resolved to send experts to assist the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs to develop an urban transport system.

The British side also paid visits to Abha and to Yanbu where "we learned something of the scope of

the projects of the Royal Commission", Gregson said. On return to London, the British side will attempt to interest British firms in competing for Yanbu and Jubail projects — primarily in joint ventures, he said.

— J.B.

New Riyadh U to house 4,000 students next year

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Over 4,000 students will be accommodated at Riyadh University's new campus on Diriyah Road by the beginning of next academic year in October, University Secretary General Dr. Asad Abduh said Saturday.

In addition, the university will take over 250 faculty housing units with a further 672 to be completed shortly, he said.

Kingdom plans domestic airline

RIYADH, April 7 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia is to set up a national company to handle domestic air travel, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan said Saturday.

The company, which will be largely financed by Saudia, will operate a fleet of light aircraft for domestic services. Saudia now runs domestic flights as a non-profit making public service.

Prince Sultan will chair a Saudia board meeting Sunday to discuss the improvement of present services and future plans—including the domestic airline.

Meanwhile, Saudia's new training center in Jeddah will be opened by Prince Sultan Thursday. The SR140 million center will provide training in flight operations, in-flight cabin service and air navigation.

Saudia began training cockpit crews in 1958. There are now 199 Saudis out of total crew of 419. At the main training center, which trains those who already have their pilots' licenses how to fly new planes added to the Saudia fleet, there are 65 instructors. The center opened in November 1978.

It has a 737 flight simulator and by May 1980 expects to add an L1011 (Tristar) simulator.

At the beginning of the new year, courses will also begin at the brand-new College of Medicine and King Khaled University Hospital.

Meanwhile Education Ministry officials said Saturday that 29 schools will be built in the Eastern Province while the Women's Education Directorate has plans for a further 31 schools in Qasim by next year.

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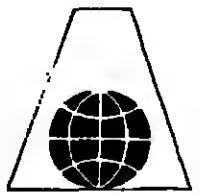
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IN MOSCOW: Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (left) welcomes Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia upon his arrival in Moscow Thursday on a friendly visit (AP photo)

Egypt-Israel treaty won't lead to peace, Gromyko says

MOSCOW, April 7 (R) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko has said that the Egyptian-Israeli pact could never lead to peace in the Middle East and welcomed the boycott of Egypt by the Arab world.

Speaking at a Kremlin lunch for Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Seddik Benyahia Friday, Gromyko reiterated the Soviet Union's complete opposition to the Middle East accord, which he said had been signed under pressure from the United States.

No reason given

OAPEC meet on Egypt postponed

ABU DHABI, April 7 (R) — An emergency ministerial meeting called for next Monday to discuss Iraq's proposal to suspend Egypt's membership in the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) has been postponed, the official Emirates News Agency said Saturday.

The agency said OAPEC's secretariat had cabled the United Arab Emirates' Petroleum Ministry saying that the meeting had been postponed to April 16 but OAPEC officials in Kuwait said consultations were continuing to set a date.

Iraq made the proposal in protest against Egypt's separate peace treaty with Israel.

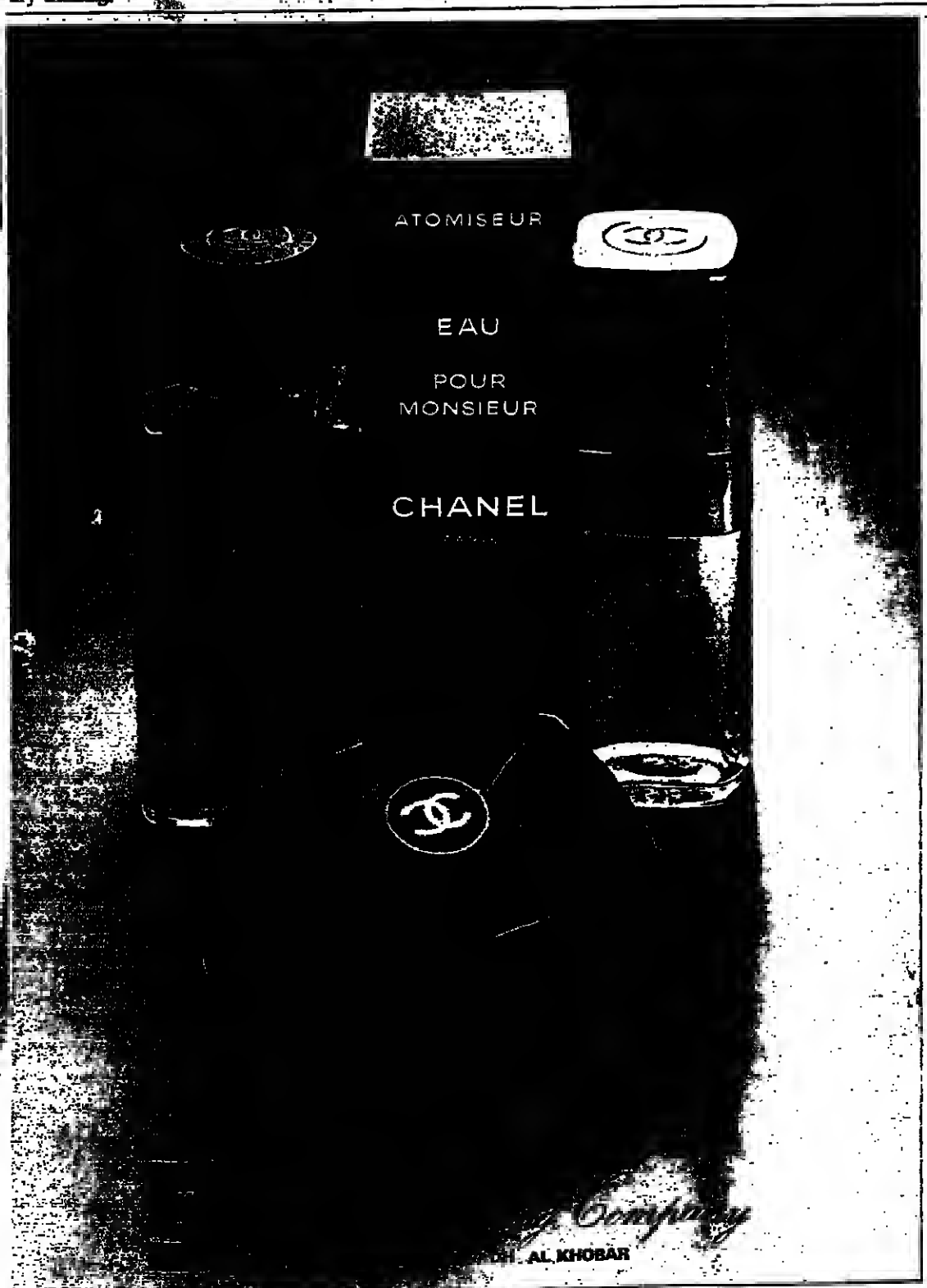
Over nuclear plant row

U.S. halts \$85m aid to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — The United States has told Pakistan it was cutting off economic development aid because Pakistan refuses to place a nuclear fuel enrichment plant under international inspection and safeguards.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said Friday that the plant, a "centrifuge enrichment facility," could be used to produce the highly enriched uranium needed for atomic weapons.

Under the aid cutoff, Pakistan stands to lose most of the \$40 million budgeted for economic assistance in the current fiscal year and all of the \$45 million Congress has been asked to supply for 1980. Pakistan would also lose about \$600,000 per year for military training.



U.S. envoy in Tehran recalled amid rumors he will be replaced

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — William Sullivan, the U.S. ambassador to Iran, is returning home this weekend for consultations with no word on when—or even if he will return to his post in Tehran.

There were indications that Sullivan, 56, will be replaced in an effort to improve relations with Iran's revolutionary government.

Sullivan was closely identified with the Shah before he was driven from power. Officials here, declining to explain what was meant by consultations, stressed that the ambassador was in need of rest after the recent turmoil in Tehran.

When the American embassy in Tehran was overrun by streetfighters Feb. 14, Sullivan was credited with remaining calm and refusing to allow U.S. Marine guards at the embassy to open fire. One guard was taken into custody by the Iranians and later released.

Shahriar Rouhani, the chief spokesman in Washington for Ayatollah Khomeini, has called on the Carter administration to name an ambassador "who is not a disgrace" to U.S. policy.

In Tehran the U.S. embassy is largely in the hands of militiamen of the new Islamic republic. They patrol the embassy grounds and control who can leave and enter the building.

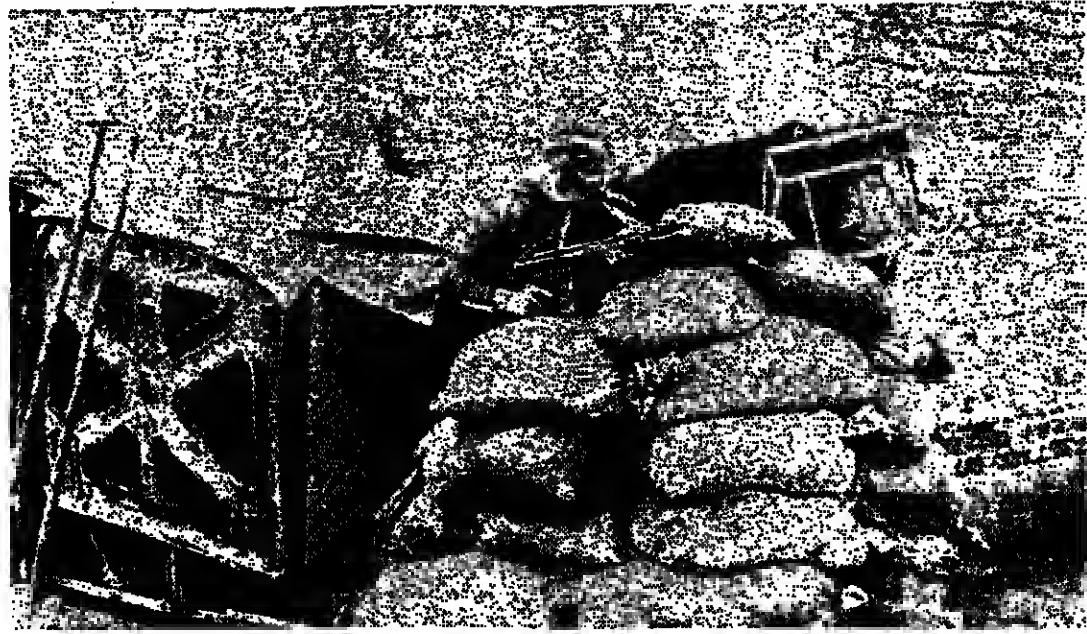
U.S. officials seem to have agreed to the arrangement. The State Department has carefully avoided even appearing to criticize the new regime in Iran.

Despite its strong advocacy of human rights, the Carter

administration has remained silent in the face of scores of executions. There also was no comment when Iran closed bases used by the United States to monitor Soviet strategic weapons tests.

Sullivan, a veteran diplomat, was considered close to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. He served as ambassador in Laos during the Indochina war and as ambassador to the Philippines.

As an assistant secretary of state, Sullivan once handled Vietnam peace negotiations.



ON THE LOOKOUT: A revolutionary guerrilla, well entrenched in the debris of war, keeps a sharp lookout for Turkomen snipers in Gondab-E-Qabous, Iran, where clashes occurred last month between government troops and Turkomen demanding self rule.

Tehran names new Russia ambassador

TEHRAN, April 7 (Agencies) — Muhammad Mokri, a close aide of Ayatollah Khomeini before the leader's recent return from exile has been appointed ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Professor Mokri left Iran after the late nationalist premier Muhammad Mossadegh was overthrown in favor of the Shah in 1953.

He said Friday he did not know when he would take up his post in Moscow.

A professor at the Sorbonne University in Paris, he was one of a team of four senior advisers to the Ayatollah during his last months of exile.

Of the others, Ibrahim Yazdi is at present assistant premier for revolutionary affairs, Sadeq Ghoorbadeh, is the new head of the state radio and television, and Abdul Hassan Bani-Sadr is on the supervisory board of the Central Bank of Iran.

In another foreign policy development, Nicaraguan nationalist leader Ernest Cardinal met Saturday with Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and appealed for help in fighting the government leader Anastasio Somoza, government officials reported.

But State Radio quoted Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amir Entezam as saying that Iran could lend no real assistance to the nationalist movement at the moment.



LEAVES BEACH: The Shah leaves the beach after a brief swim with members of his family on Paradise Island Bahamas last Sunday. The Shah and his family remain under tight security and have given no indication when they will leave the islands. (AP photo)

Blast injures 15 in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, April 7 (AP) — Police were investigating Saturday a powerful bomb blast that wounded 15 persons and heavily damaged a popular restaurant in Arab East Jerusalem late Friday.

It was the fifth and most serious attack against the Dolphin, a Jewish-owned fish restaurant opened soon after Israel captured

East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.

A police spokesman said one German tourist was among the wounded, but he was immediately released from hospital with slight injuries. His identity was not disclosed.

"Everyone inside should have been killed. It is a miracle" one was seriously hurt, the spokesman said.

Police have been expecting a surge of Commando operations in reaction to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, which the Palestinians oppose.

Several Palestinians were detained for questioning, but the spokesman said by Saturday morning all were released.

Mauritania changes linked to Sahara issue

RABAT, April 7 (R) — Changes in the Mauritanian leadership this week were designed to eliminate a pro-Algerian "fifth column" according to the pro-government Moroccan daily "Al Maghrib" Saturday.

The paper said the new National Salvation Committee set up by President Moustapha Ould Salek had eliminated from office three pro-Algerian-backed Polisario Front ministers: Muhammad Yehdih Ould Breideleil, Major Jiddou Ould Salek, and Sid Ahmad Ould Becei-jara, ministers of civil service, higher and technical education, interior, and financial.

The paper said the three were part of "a fifth column which had its representatives inside the government itself."

The new prime minister, Lt.-Col. Ahmad Bouceif, former army chief of staff, "knows very well the role played by the (Moroccan) Royal Armed Forces in the defense of the Mauritanian state and entity," the paper said.

Mauritania and Morocco share the Western Sahara, the former Spanish colony ceded to them about two years ago.

The Polisario want self-determination for the territory.

12 charged with coup bid in Egypt

CAIRO, April 7 (R) — Twelve persons have been charged with attempting to overthrow the government of President Anwar Sadat and forming a subversive Communist cell, police sources said Saturday.

The sources said the group, based in the Nile Delta town of Kom Hamada, was led by Saeed Ibrahim Rawash, an agronomist.

Police had seized leaflets and posters attacking the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, ready for distribution during the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin last Monday.

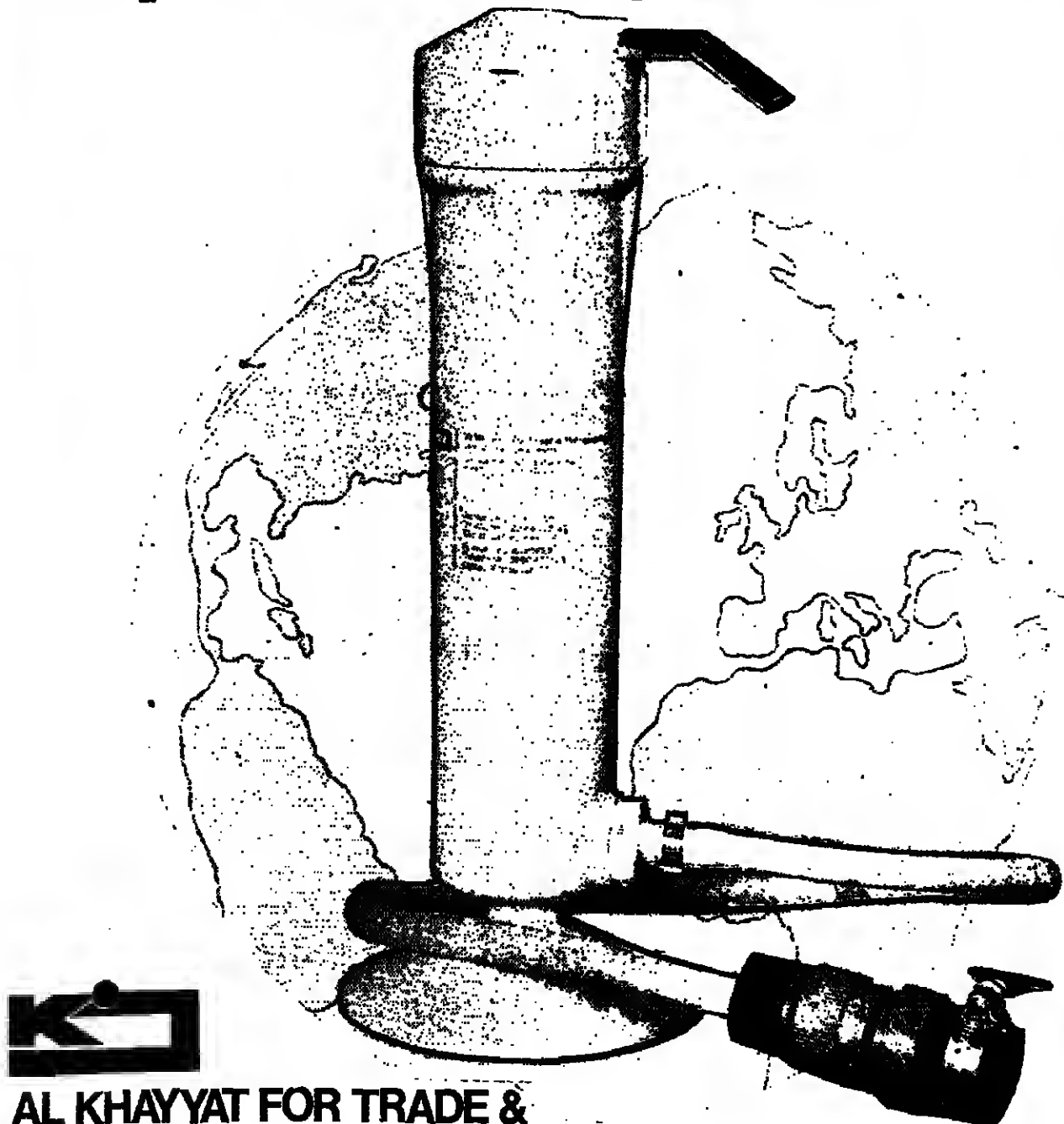
The leaflets also incited Egyptians to stage anti-government demonstrations.

Four of the accused, including the agronomist, were held in custody, pending further police interrogation, while the others were released on bail, the sources said.

The leftist Nationalist Progressive Party accused police in a press statement of attacking its headquarters and seizing typewriters and other printing machines early Saturday morning.

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Governor has serious doubts

U.S. reactor may be closed forever

HARRISBURG, Pa. April 7 (AP) — Gov. Dick Thornburgh told Pennsylvania residents Friday he has "deep and serious doubts" about ever reopening the Three Mile Island nuclear plant.

Thornburgh said in the statewide broadcast on television that he has asked the U.S. government to inspect four other nuclear reactors in Pennsylvania "to assure me, if it can, that the accident on Three Mile Island cannot ever be repeated."

Thornburgh said he would appoint a recovery committee to deal with the United States' worst commercial nuclear power accident.

"The remainder of my term as governor will be dedicated from this moment to the proposition that it must not happen again. I now have doubts—deep and serious doubts—about opening the plant on Three Mile Island again," he added.

Authorities have said it could take several years to decontaminate the reactor and an auxiliary building filled with radioactive matter.

Engineers on Friday overcame two snags, including a brief failure in the primary cooling system, in their efforts to cool the facility's contaminated reactor, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said.

A week-old advisory that preschool children and pregnant women remain at least five miles from the plant will continue until the auxiliary building is decontaminated.

A lawsuit was filed to force the plant to close, and three congressmen announced a bill to require improved communications systems for nuclear power plants.

The White House said federal officials have found "absolutely no danger" from food grown, harvested or produced in the area of the crippled plant.

"As far as it is humanly possible to determine, the food from the Three Mile Island area is as safe to produce, buy, transport, prepare and eat as the food available at any

other place in the United States," said a statement issued by the White House press office.

A motor failure at 7:15 p.m. halted the pumping of water to the damaged core for two or three minutes before a backup kicked on. Harold Denton, NRC chief of operations, said the breakdown was anticipated, and that there were five backup systems.



CAUTIOUS VISITOR: President Carter toured the leaking reactor on Three Mile Island on April 1. He wears protective boots as he walks around the plant's control room. (AP photo)

Wealth tax, social services

Labor Party drafts manifesto after fight

LONDON, April 7 (R) — Britain's ruling Labor Party Friday night published its manifesto for the May 3 general election, pledging to continue expensive social services despite the country's economic plight.

Although it contained several controversial socialist proposals, the 9,000-word document was seen as a compromise between leftists and the more moderate stand of Prime Minister James Callaghan.

The manifesto — launched under the slogan "Labor the better way" — was finally agreed at a stormy, seven-and-a-half hour meeting between the cabinet and the party's leftist-dominated National Executive Committee.

One of its most contentious proposals is an annual wealth tax on rich people whose personal wealth exceeds £150,000 (\$300,000).

It also pledges to reduce the powers of the House of Lords,

whose membership largely comprises hereditary peers and is seen as a seat of privilege by Socialists.

At a press conference later, Callaghan acknowledged there had been arguments over the manifesto.

Leftists had been demanding measures to abolish the House of Lords and nationalize banks and insurance companies — moves that would be unpopular with

many voters.

Past governments have invariably failed to enact more than a small part of their manifesto. Callaghan said if his party is returned to power with a working majority he would legislate a large number of its proposals.

He also insisted the country would be able to afford the promises it contains — among them increased old-age pensions, con-

tinued high spending on schools, hospitals and interest-free loans for married couples buying their own home.

Predictably it named the battle against inflation and unemployment top priorities. The manifesto said a Labor government would not allow British industries "to be wiped out by excessive imports, and will ensure that imports enter our market only within acceptable limits."

The Common Market is also made a major issue. Labor seeks sweeping changes in agricultural policy and rejecting any proposals for monetary or political union with Europe.

One of the passengers, university student Chell Roberts, said many thought they were going to die.

"People began to scream and cry. A stewardess was sitting behind me crying," he said.

"My wife was sitting next to me crying. I turned to her and said 'I love you' and she must have thought it was all over. She started screaming 'No, no, no.'"

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pollution detergents on the slick, which at one stage was reported to be about 20 miles long and six miles wide.

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Helicopter pilots who flew over the area said constantly changing winds had carried some oil patches to the north and others southeast, away from the tropical beaches.

But they did not discount the possibility that some patches of oil might eventually reach beaches in Indonesia and Malaysia. If the oil was carried farther north it could hit the Philippines.

The tanker was carrying 100,000 tons of crude oil from the Gulf to Japan when it collided. Two of its tanks, containing 10,000 tons of oil, were broken.

But the tanker is not in danger of sinking and all its crew members are remaining aboard.

The record was established here in 1975 by Trevor Kruger, who spent 36 days in a cage at the Har-tebeespoort Snake Park, 80 kilometers from Johannesburg which held 24 snakes.

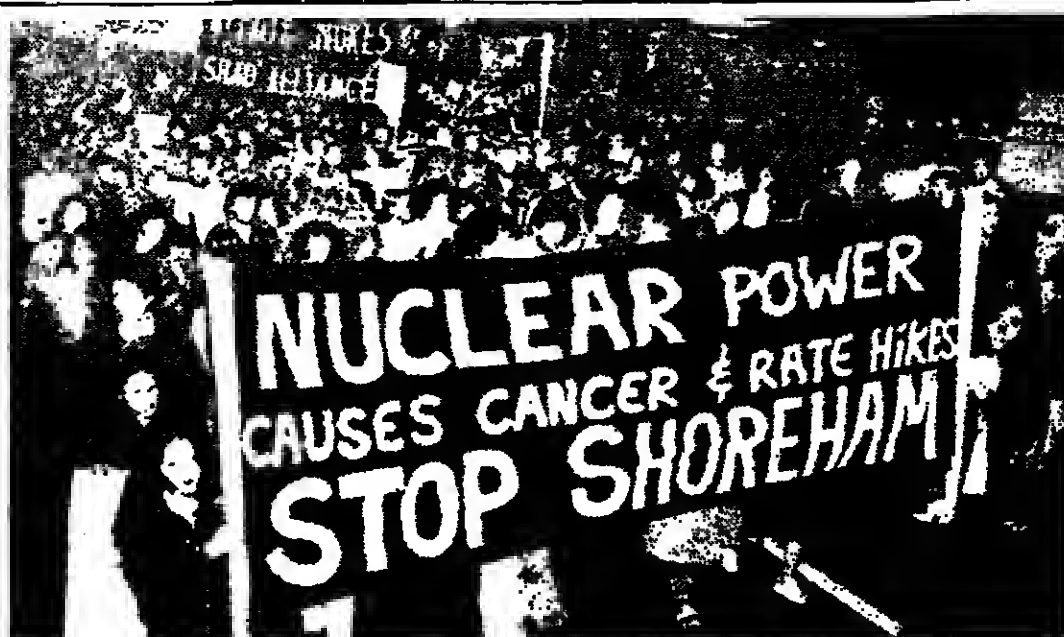
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The most toxic is the boomslang, Seale explained. "One dies a horrible, painful death after 6-16 hours. But the black mamba is more dangerous to man. A full bite can cause death in 30 seconds to 3 minutes."



NO NUKES: Hundreds of anti-nuclear protesters recently marched up 6th Ave. in Manhattan to oppose the nuclear plant in Shoreham, Long Island. After the accident at the Pennsylvania reactor, there were many demonstrations against nuclear power in the U.S. (AP photo)

Investigation at Scotland Yard brings suspension of 66 police

LONDON, April 7 (AP) — Scotland Yard Friday announced the suspension of 66 detectives and other police officers pending investigation into allegations of bribery, corruption and other offenses.

The suspensions are part of a campaign by Sir David McNea, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, to restore Scotland Yard's former reputation for the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Sir David is continuing the investigation which his predecessor Sir Robert Mark began in 1972.

Under Sir Robert's regime, nearly 100 officers left the force after formal proceedings, nearly 500 resigned and others were jailed for up to 12 years.

Fraud Squad

One of the 66 men suspended Friday is a detective-superintendent who was a detective-sergeant in the Yard's elite Fraud Squad.

"This officer was ordered not to report for duty starting Friday until the Complaints Investigation Bureau has scrutinized his activities as it is the activities of other suspended Fraud Squad detectives.

It could take up to 18 months to check the mass of allegations that have built up against the suspended officers, according to informed police sources.

Huge oil slick dispersed off Malaysian peninsula

SINGAPORE, April 7 (R) — A massive oil slick which threatened the Southeast Asia coastline has broken up and drifted out to sea, shipping sources said here Saturday.

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Spanish generals appointed to cabinet

MADRID, April 7 (R) — Two generals Friday took charge of the battle against urban guerrillas as senior ministers in Spain's first constitutional government since the 1936-39 Civil war.

But while centrist Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez put military men to work on one of the country's most sensitive problems, he also appointed the first civilian defense minister for four decades.

In a delicate balancing act, Suarez dismissed the leader of the left wing in his outgoing administration and replaced him with four young Social Democrats.

He also brought a respected Roman Catholic Conservative into the enlarged cabinet to handle the complex problem of granting greater autonomy to the regions, in particular the Basque Country, Catalonia and impoverished Andalusia.

The biggest surprise in the new 24-man cabinet, sworn in Friday by King Juan Carlos, was the appointment of Lt. Gen. Antonio Ibanez Freire, 66, as interior minister.

The general is reported to be one of the few senior military officers close to Suarez. He fought on Gen. Francisco Franco's side in the Civil War and saw action with the Spanish Blue Division in World War II when it fought alongside the Nazi German army on the Russian front.

Despite his background, Gen. Ibanez Freire is thought to have reacted positively to Spain's democratic development since the death of Gen. Franco three and a half years ago.

USS Nautilus

First nuclear sub starts final voyage

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — The Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine, will cast off from New London Connecticut, Monday on her final cruise nearly 25 years after she joined the United States fleet.

The U.S. Navy said the Nautilus, which once set non-stop sailing records on her nuclear engines, will head for Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California.

There, the Nautilus will be laid up this fall. The navy said it has not decided what to do with the pioneer submarine, although there is a possibility it will become a national monument.

Plans to retire the Nautilus were first announced more than a year ago Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

The navy confirmed its decision to retire the Nautilus after looking at the possibility of extending the service life of older submarines and finding that "it is not economically feasible" to keep the Nautilus in service.

The beginning of the nuclear age at sea came on the morning of Jan. 17, 1955, when Cmdr. Eugene Wilkinson, skipper of the Nautilus, sent out the signal, "Underway on nuclear power."

The Nautilus was designed as an attack submarine whose main mission was to attack hostile surface ships and submarines, but it never fired a torpedo in an attack.

The submarine's most historic achievement came in August 1958 when it charted a new route beneath the North Pole from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The Nautilus traveled from Hawaii to Europe, a distance of 8,146 miles, in 19 days.

She is small compared to the latest Los Angeles class of nuclear-powered fast attack submarine. She is 320 feet long and displaces 6,900 tons.

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Black nationalist buried in secret after execution

JOHANNESBURG, April 7 (AP) — Police secretly buried the body of Solomon Mahlangu, the black student who was hanged Friday, while his family waited vainly at another cemetery, sources close to the family said Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Mahlangu, 62, a washerwoman, visited her son's grave Saturday in the Atteridgeville Township Municipal Cemetery on the western side of Pretoria. On Friday she waited hours at Mamelodi Cemetery in Eastern Pretoria for Prison officials to deliver his coffin, the sources said.

Several thousand chanting demonstrators at Mamelodi went home after police told them the body would not be coming.

Students in Atteridgeville reported seeing police vehicles unload two coffins into two graves in Atteridgeville three hours after Mahlangu was hanged as an accomplice to murder for the

deaths of two white men in the June 1977.

Mahlangu was buried with Bhekuzi Magwaza, who was hanged with him Friday at dawn at Pretoria Central Prison, 55 kilometers from here. Magwaza was convicted of stabbing a 45-year-old woman to death in April 1978.

The sources also said Mrs. Mahlangu may ask prison authorities for permission to exhume her son's body in order to give him a proper burial in the plot she bought in Mamelodi for the equivalent of \$5.75.

Under South Africa's security laws an executed prisoner's corpse and grave remains property of the state and permission is needed in writing if the family wants to move the body.

Since the white Afrikaner Nationalist government came to power in 1948 Mahlangu was the fourth individual hanged for a purely politically-motivated crime. In the 1960's a white and three

blacks were hanged for incidents that resulted in death or injuries to people. The white threw a bomb in the Johannesburg bus station and the blacks killed a state witness in an African National Congress terrorism trial.

Mahlangu was the 37th person hanged in South Africa this year. Last year there were 132 hangings, the highest number in South Africa since 1910.

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim deplored South Africa's failure to heed appeals from world leaders to spare the life of Mahlangu, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

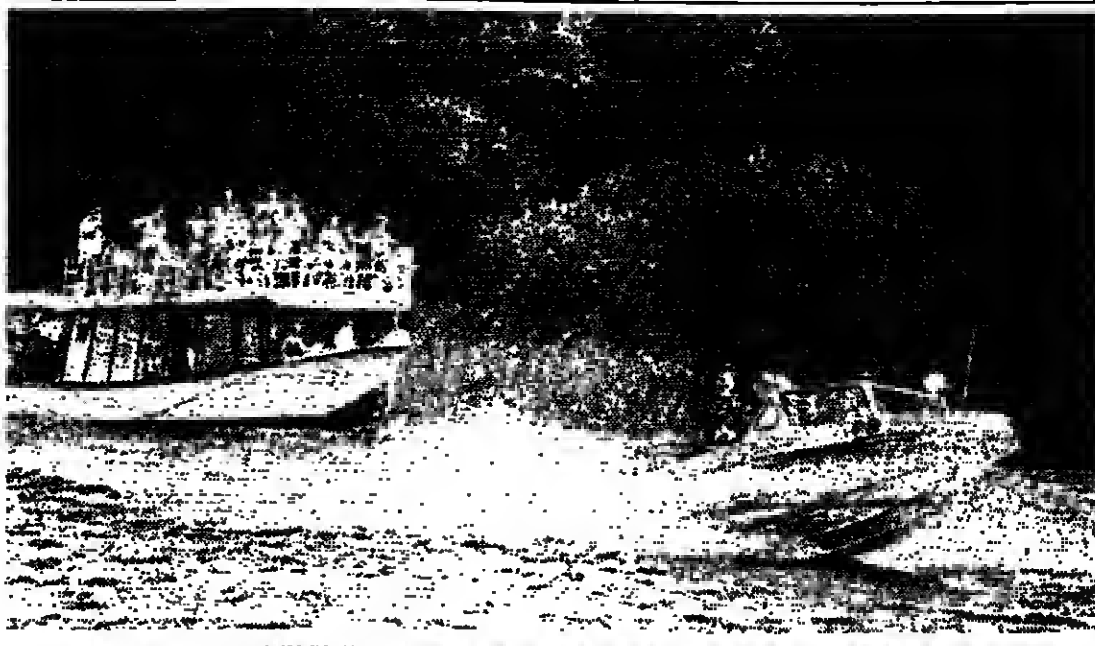
Waldheim, now in Berlin on an official visit to East Germany, "has learned with regret" of Mahlangu's execution, spokesman Rudolf Stajdubur said.

Waldheim sent three separate appeals to South Africa asking that clemency be granted on a humanitarian basis. The U.N. Security Council also addressed a similar appeal to South Africa Thursday.

"The secretary-general deplores the fact that these appeals as well as many others from world leaders, countries and organizations were not heeded," Stajdubur said.

Norwegian Ambassador Ole Algard, president of the Security Council for April, issued a statement saying Mahlangu's execution "has created deep sorrow and dismay in the world community." He continued:

"I deeply regret that the South African authorities did not heed the solemn call of the Security Council to spare the life of Mr. Mahlangu and others facing the same fate."



PROTECTING TOURISTS: As the number of tourists to Rhodesia's Victoria Falls decreases because of the war, security force protection increases. Here a Rhodesian police boat with a machine gun patrols the banks of the Zambezi River as a tourist boat takes visitors on an evening cruise. Saturday the Rhodesian military command announced clashes with rebels on the outskirts of Salisbury, the capital.

Troops drive off guerrillas

Clash fought outside Salisbury

SALISBURY, April 7 (AP) — Rhodesian troops clashed with guerrillas on the outskirts of Salisbury Friday night after the insurgents attacked a homestead, the military command reported Saturday.

The troops drove off the guerrillas, who have vowed to step up the six-year war for control of Rhodesia and wreck nationwide elections April 17-21 for black majority rule.

The military command said nobody was hurt in the attack, the fourth daring strike by guerrillas in urban areas this month.

Guerrillas have launched a series of attacks on urban areas in the last few months, often causing little or no damage. But in December they hit a vital fuel

depot near the center of Salisbury, causing a fire that lasted five days and destroyed millions of dollars worth of fuel.

The guerrillas claim that the black majority government to be elected by all Rhodesian voters will merely be a facade for continued white domination.

Police have distributed thousands of leaflets warning inhabitants what to do if they or their homes are attacked by guerrillas.

The latest attack, involving rockets and small arms fire, was on a homestead in the suburb of Borrowdale, just 15 miles from the city center about 8 p.m. Friday.

A security force detachment arrived on the scene while the

attack was in progress, resulting in the attack being broken off, a terse military communique said. "Moderate damage was caused in the kitchen of the house. Follow-up operations are in progress."

It was the third attack on Borrowdale, a quiet, semi-rural neighborhood where many of Salisbury's wealthy white families live.

Hopes of saving the 315-foot freighter Labrador from sinking in wind-whipped Lake Erie

Violent hail storm causes extensive damage in U.S.

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — Just when spring appeared to have warmed and relaxed the United States, a tardy winter storm Friday forced snow and icy, destructive winds through the Midwest and upper East Coast, causing millions of dollars worth of damage and disrupting power to hundreds of thousands of customers.

At least 11 persons were reported killed Friday in the U.S. as a result of the storm, described as one of the worst on record for April.

Winds neared hurricane force in several areas. Instruments at Rock County Airport in Beloit, Wis., recorded a gust of 160 kilometers per hour.

A blizzard in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., left nine inches of snow, a record, and Chicago shivered under a record chill of 18 degrees. In Wisconsin, winds piled 40-foot ice heaps along the shores of Lake Koshkonong.

Residents of central and western Illinois, hard hit by winter snows and early spring flooding, watched Friday as howling winds blew 6-foot waves into homes along the devastated banks of the Illinois River.

Hopes of saving the 315-foot freighter Labrador from sinking in wind-whipped Lake Erie

increased Saturday as the U.S. Coast Guard reported the crippled vessel was stabilized in the still-choppy water. Moderating winds could allow tugboats from Cleveland to tow the freighter into port, the Coast Guard said.

In the metropolitan New York area, the Coast Guard closed Newark Bay as winds clocked at 80 kilometers per hour created hazards for high-riding vessels.

Judge allows demolition of Gacy's house

CHICAGO, April 7 (AP) — As neighbors cheered, a judge let stand an order issued Friday which authorizes demolition of the suburban home of John Wayne Gacy Jr. where the skeletal remains of 29 persons have been found.

Gacy, 36, has been charged with murder in the slayings of seven young men. He has reportedly told police he killed them and other young men. The first of the bodies was found shortly before Christmas.

The home has been weakened by excavations during the search for bodies found beneath and around it, according to testimony at a recent court hearing.



TEARS AT GRAVE: Lucus Mahlangu helps his mother Mrs. Martha Mahlangu to the unmarked grave of her son Solomon Mahlangu in the Atteridgeville Cemetery outside Pretoria Saturday. Solomon, a black political activist who was a member of the banned African National Congress, was hanged Friday for killing two whites in a shootout nearly two years ago. (AP photo)

Singer Linda Ronstadt, Gov. Brown take safari

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. has left here for an African safari with rock singer Linda Ronstadt, inviting speculation about their romance and the trip's impact on his political future.

The governor and Miss Ronstadt left Kennedy International Airport Friday on a Pan Am flight to Liberia. The flight left two hours behind schedule because of maintenance problems, authorities said.

Brown and Miss Ronstadt, who entered the airport about two minutes apart via a rear entrance, were not made available to the media.

Brown, who is considered a likely contender for the Democratic Party U.S. presidential nomination in 1980, has dated Miss Ronstadt off and on since the early 1970s.

He has been governor since 1975 of the United States' most populous state, and has often been seen in public with the attractive 32-year-old singer. There has been frequent speculation that marriage might be in the offing.

Brown's mother, Bernice, said her son told her Miss Ronstadt

would accompany him on his 10-day vacation in Africa, but she said "I haven't any idea" if they planned to be married during the trip.

Unidentified friends of Brown were quoted Friday as saying he agonized over the political implications of a vacation with Miss Ronstadt.

In a telephone interview at her Beverly Hills home, Mrs. Brown said her son telephoned her Thursday night to tell her about the trip to Africa.

More Americans may be in Vietnam, marine says

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — U.S. Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood, charged with desertion after he returned last month from 13½ years in Vietnam, believes other Americans might be alive in Vietnam but is not certain, his lawyer says.

At the same time, U.S. Rep. Lester Wolff, who interviewed Garwood in the naval research medical center at Great Lakes, Ill., Wednesday, said Garwood's

comments should not raise false hopes. "It's no secret that Bobby believes there may be other Americans there," Garwood's lawyer, Dermot Foley, said from New York in a telephone interview.

Garwood, 33, returned in the U.S. from Vietnam March 25 and was charged by the Marine Corps with desertion in time of war and collaboration with the enemy.

Amid new allegations on scandal

National Party expels Mulder

PRETORIA, April 7 (Agencies) — Connie Mulder, once-front runner for the premiership of South Africa, has been expelled from the National Party over his role in the "slush funds" scandal.

He had already resigned from the cabinet, from his parliamentary seat and from his party leadership in Transvaal Province.

His successor as Transvaal leader, Andries Treurnicht, said Mulder had refused an ultimatum that he either leave the party or accept the two interim reports of a judicial inquiry into the scandal.

Treurnicht said Mulder phoned a party executive Friday and said he could not accept the reports of the commission, headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus. Accordingly, Treurnicht said, Mulder's party membership had been terminated.

The Erasmus commission lambasted Mulder for his handling of two now-disbanded Information Department, which was accused of spending millions of dollars of secret government funds on propaganda exercises, including the founding of a mass circulation

newspaper. But political sources say Mulder does not regard himself as either disgraced or crushed, and nor does he intend a prolonged stay in the political wilderness.

Already, they say, he is contemplating running as an independent candidate for the parliamentary seat he relinquished at Randfontein, west of Johannesburg.

Saturday the "Rand Daily Mail" reported that American newspaper publisher John McGoff of Lansing, Michigan, was involved in using South African money to try to support western news

Media. When a bid to purchase the "Washington Star" failed, the Mail reported "Mr. McGoff used the money to buy the 'Sacramento Union' newspaper and a 50 per cent share in UPITN."

UPITN is a London-based television news service which is partly owned by Global Communications Inc., of which McGoff is president. It is linked with the U.S. news agency, United Press International.

The "Mail" said it has documents in its possession which give details of the UPITN project.

Chilean mine killing case referred to military court

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 7 (AP) — A civilian judge investigating the discovery of 15 bodies in an abandoned mine has turned the case over to a military court, indicating the killers were probably members of the security forces.

Appeals court Justice Adolfo Banados late Thursday declared himself incompetent — meaning the case is outside his jurisdiction — to continue the investigation of the human remains found in the old Lonquén salt mine 40 kilometers southwest of Santiago at the beginning of December.

Banados made no Public statement, but a supreme court source said the move was taken because "members of the forces of order appear involved."

The judge's declaration tended to confirm what had been tacitly acknowledged by Chileans as high

as President Augusto Pinochet — that the dead were killed as part of the campaign against leftists after the military overthrow of Salvador Allende's socialist government in September 1973.

Police and military men who committed such acts are protected under a general amnesty decreed by the government a year ago, so it is not clear how much further the investigation can, or will, be carried by military authorities.

The names of the victims were not revealed officially during Banados' investigation. But a human rights unit has identified them as members of several peasant families living in the area of the mine.

Oral vaccine against typhoid reported found

BERNE, Switzerland, April 7 (R) — A Swiss laboratory has said it had discovered an oral vaccine against typhoid which gives full protection for a year without any side effects.

The Swiss Serum and Vaccine Institute Friday said previous measures to guard against the infectious disease involved either an intra-muscular injection, which often caused local inflammation, headaches and fever, or an oral vaccine which worked only in one out of five cases.

The new formula, which the private laboratory hopes to produce and market next year, uses living bacteria enclosed in a capsule.

Prof. Rene Germanier, head of the team which developed the vaccine, said, "Volunteers who agreed to test the vaccine for us showed resistance to typhoid for a whole year without any side effects."

Among the people who took the vaccine were about 15,000 young children in Egypt considered particularly susceptible to typhoid, an often fatal intestinal disease.

A spokesman for the World Health Organization said the new formula appeared to work well, but further observation was still necessary.

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Treaty ? Alliance ?

By Muhammad Sid-Ahmad

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is the author of the book "After the Guns Fall Silent," about peace between Israel and the Arab countries.

CAIRO — The Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is projected as the first step toward an overall Middle East settlement. Paradoxically, one basic ingredient, Jerusalem, was jettisoned at Camp David. With the signature of the treaty, the Palestinian issue in all its aspects has also been dumped. Even a formal linkage between Palestinian autonomy and the treaty has been dropped. The only hope for progress on the Palestinian issue — by everyone's admission the most crucial and knotty aspect of the conflict — lies in President Carter's commitment of his full personal involvement in the negotiations over the coming year. The question here is, how full Carter's involvement can be in a year of a presidential election?

The Camp David accords purported to proceed from the general to the particular, with one document setting a framework for a comprehensive Middle East settlement and the other setting the specific framework for a peace treaty between the parties present at the negotiations. The other relevant parties were expected to be won over sooner or later.

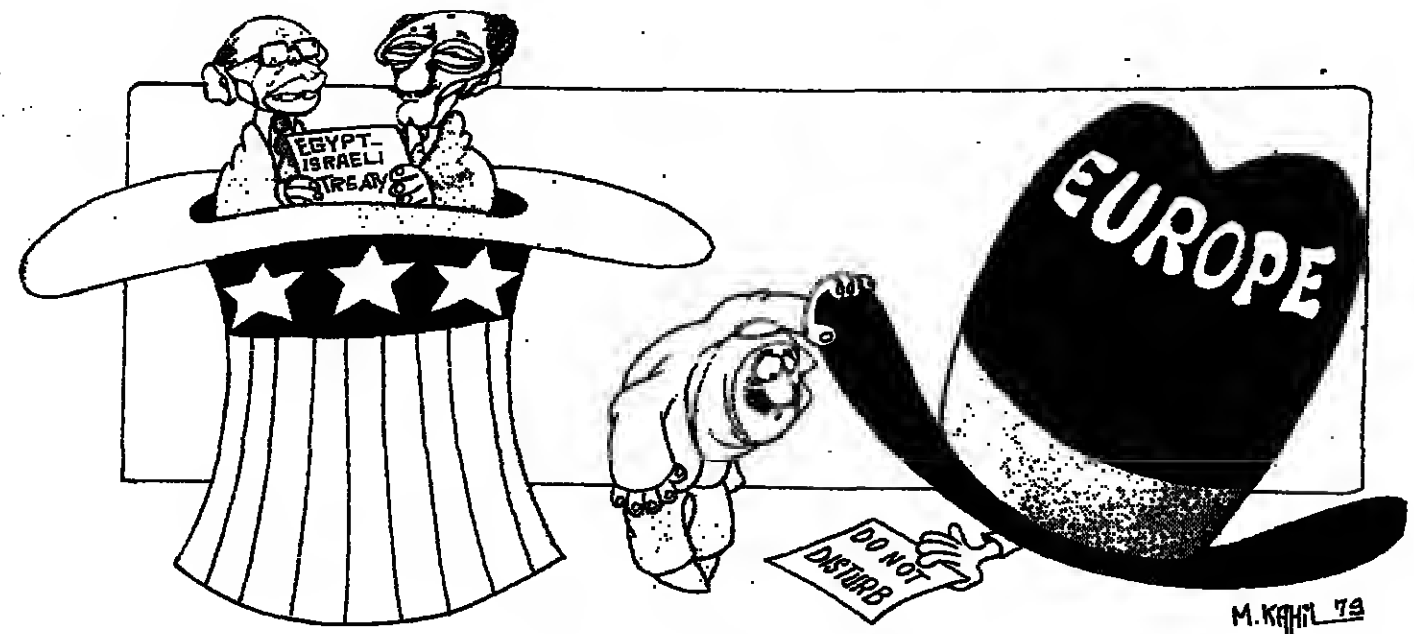
But after the Baghdad summit meeting, it was obvious that the proposed general framework for peace was unacceptable to most of the other parties. In tacit admission of this fact, President Carter presented the Egyptian-Israeli treaty as a "first step" toward an overall settlement. Whether the separate peace will grow into an overall settlement remains to be seen. But what is obvious now is that the original approach has been reversed, with the peace process now finding itself forced to proceed from the particular to the general. This is not the Camp David framework. With attempts to press ahead creating tension even inside Egypt and Israel, rather than an atmosphere of relaxation and peace, the very validity of the whole process is called into question.

With the enormous jump in oil prices following the October 1973 war, United States strategists assumed that petroleum wealth could be an incentive for stability and, consequently, peace. This proved to be a false assumption. This was graphically illustrated in Iran. Second, because if a no-peace situation is a destabilizing factor, a peace perceived by most Arabs to be tailored to Israel's needs is no less destabilizing. Even the oil-rich Arab moderates insist that a minimum of Palestinian demands must be met, if only enough to defuse further Palestinian radicalization and the risks that this would represent for them. Because of Menachem Begin's intransigent Zionist stance, this minimum cannot be offered. The autonomy plan included in the Camp David accords offers the Palestinians neither sovereignty over their land nor self-determination, let alone an independent state.

Begin's mythical vision of Eretz Israel is not the only religious-cum-ideological obstacle in the way of President Sadat's bid to project his peace initiative as a dramatic reconciliation between the three monotheistic religions against atheism — a code word for Communist and Soviet "subversion." With societies catapulted into prominence as a result of petroleum wealth, the religious idiom has now become a mode of political expression throughout the region. An unexpected development is that the religious idiom does not express only conservative trends that the West can use for its own ends. The Central Treaty Organization disintegrated after Iran's withdrawal in the name of an Islamic republic. Because the issue of Jerusalem was left hanging, the conservatives were not ready to play a role in making the Camp David accords palatable.

Paradoxically, arms figure prominently in the peace process, with the United States pledging to furnish parties in the region with billions of dollars worth of military hardware. On the very day that he flew to the Middle East to salvage the floundering peace process, President Carter opted for gunboat diplomacy by deploying American ships off the southern shore of the Arabian Peninsula. His address to the Egyptian Assembly was openly hostile to all Arabs who did not regard the Camp David accords as the only possible road to peace. These were accused of advocating war.

President Carter is not the only one accusing whoever thinks differently from him of being an advocate of war. Many Arab parties, not all radical, fear that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty is no more than a military alliance masterminded by the United States to replace the Central Treaty Organization. They feel that the United States considers economic incentives no longer sufficient to guarantee the stability of its vital oil interests in the region and that it is now trying to buttress these with military sanctions. Whether these fears are justified is irrelevant. What the United States cannot ignore is that a process undertaken in the name of peace can make no headway if the parties to be included in it perceive it as a threat of still greater upheavals. — (NYT)



Quebec : An emotional question

By Dasko Doder

MONTREAL —

This is the year of decision in Canada's most serious identity crisis in more than a century.

With the prospect of Quebec secession looming large over other issues, a general election in May will revolve largely around Pierre Trudeau's 11-year effort as prime minister to keep English Canada and French Canada together in one country.

Opposition Conservative leader Joe Clark has accused Trudeau of having divided Canada as never before, but Clark has yet to spell out in detail his own vision of the country's future.

The crucial test, however, will take place in the predominantly French-speaking province of Quebec probably in the fall — when the separatist government of Premier Rene Levesque holds a referendum on sovereignty. Latest polls indicate that about one-half of the Quebec population favors an independent Quebec in economic association with the rest of Canada.

The two electoral tests will climax a long traumatic public debate on Canadian unity that was ignited by a stunning victory of Levesque separatist Parti Quebecois in the October 1976 provincial elections.

Ever since, Canadian preoccupation with an uncertain future and the wide-spread anxieties it breeds have sapped a disproportionate amount of national energy. It also has forced Canadians to search their souls as to what kind of country they want.

The marriage of English-speaking and Francophone Canada has long gone sour, yet there are conflicting views whether it is beyond repair.

In this atmosphere of smoldering tension, however, when one partner talks of divorce and the other wants to repair the relationship, one thing seems clear: While Canada may yet survive as a united country, it would be an illusion to believe that the current constitutional arrangements could survive intact.

English-speaking Canadians appear fatalistic. The more serious the secessionist trend has been revealed to be in recent Quebec polls, the more determined English Canada seems to ignore it. "They won't do it," is the staple answer.

But what if Quebec decides to go on its own? "We'll join the United States," one person in Toronto responded bluntly. "I wouldn't mind being an American."

Sampling opinions at a more sophisticated level, the same question elicits similar responses.

"There can be no separation," John Saywell, a prominent historian and professor at Toronto's York University, said. "Even if Levesque wins the referendum, nobody will negotiate with him. Under the constitution, they cannot proclaim independence, so nothing will happen."

Toronto's business community is hedging its bets, however. Illuminating is a Toronto man's plan to purchase a large mansion in downtown Montreal. Many well-to-do English-speaking Montrealers have moved away since Levesque took power, and the exodus has depressed real estate prices here.

A similar mansion in Toronto would cost four times as much, the man said. "If Levesque wins in the referendum, the building would be perfect for the embassy of a medium-sized country. If not the prices are going to go up again."

Here in the heart of French Canada, however, the mood is one of hope and anxiety. While yearning for acknowledgement of Quebec nationality, many in Quebec have lingering doubts about the price they would have to pay if Levesque wins the referendum.

"My heart says yes, my head is not so sure," said Hugues Letourneau, 24, a native of Montreal. "Morally I feel I should vote for independence, but I just don't know."

The undercurrent of Quebec nationalism has existed here for a long time, although initially it was merely an instinct to make connections with the French past from which Quebec had been cut off after

Wolfe defeated Montcalm on the plains of Abraham in 1759.

But one senses while viewing the deeply rooted French life in Quebec — which seems different from English Canada's shallower and looser growth — that the French connection now is incidental and that Quebec nationalism is a pure North American phenomenon.

Yet, the people of Quebec belong to the Canadian tradition, and the Canadian way of getting things done is quite distinct from the American way. It is quieter, more orderly, less violent.

Perhaps because of this tradition of reasonableness and civility, revolutionary changes are taking place in Quebec, but they are so un-demonstrative or low key that a visitor has to search for them.

For the first time in more than two centuries, a well-educated, youthful, French-speaking intellectual elite is in charge of the province, using all elements of government machinery at its disposal to ensure the continued existence of the Quebec nation.

"In economic terms, there are still reservations about whether an independent Quebec would be viable," said Jean Gerin-Lajoie, leader of the Quebec steelworkers. He and his 45,000-strong union support Levesque.

"But we have to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and this includes political independence. Our economic vitality depends on independence. Otherwise we shall disappear because our existence would become futile."

While youth, unionized labor and intellectuals support Levesque, French businessmen, some professional people and older persons are weary of independence.

"Independence is a good thing except that its cost would be high," an elderly Montreal resident said, reflecting the views of many here.

Challenging Levesque's separatists for provincial leadership is Claude Ryan, a suave former newspaper editor, who maintains that Quebec can get the political power it seeks without breaking up the Canadian federation.

Clearly more at home in the realm of ideas than the rhetoric of political struggle, Ryan has been unable to define his positions in a way to be distinct from Levesque's and still appeal to Quebec nationalists.

"The room of diversity must remain the cornerstone of Canada," he says. The people of Quebec, he believes, "want to have as much room as is compatible with the federal Canada." Thus the program of Ryan's Liberal Party calls for greater power for Canada's 10 provinces, constitutional arrangement that would give Quebec special status, including the right to maintain international relations, and safeguards against excessive use of federal powers.

Lost in the rhetoric of the debate, however, is the fact that virtually the entire French-speaking population is united behind two similar platforms that demand drastic constitutional changes between Ottawa and the 10 provincial governments.

Also lost in the debate is the prevailing view that most of the measures the Levesque government has adopted during the past two years, including the one that makes French the language of Quebec, could not be reversed.

As Tim Creery, the editor of the Montreal-based magazine "Report" put it, "a number of things have occurred or are occurring which people thought were obtainable only under sovereignty."

Against the Parti Quebecois victory in 1976 was a landmark event in Canadian history, serving as it did as the catalyst in the evolution of an entirely new Canadian constitutional arrangement.

What is at stake here today is not so much a realignment of federal-provincial responsibility or protection of provincial rights. Rather it is the will of an unknown number of people in Quebec to be internationally recognized as a sovereign nation.

This, by and large, is an emotional question. (WP)

INDECISION

The Arabs have boycotted Egypt and recalled their ambassadors from Cairo. President Sadat has threatened and warned the Palestinians against attacks on Egyptians and their interests, and has reciprocated the Arab move by withdrawing his ambassadors from capitals opposed to his unilateral peace strategy.

What next?

It seems that the Arabs are destined to maintain and preserve a practice that has plagued them throughout their modern history.

While the Arab states are justified in their decision to impose sanctions against Egypt for signing a separate peace treaty with Israel, the move remains essentially a reaction to an event, and does not constitute a long-term plan or an alternative strategy. Recriminations and rhetoric have not, and cannot be a substitute for a sound strategy that would hopefully extricate the Arab world from a quagmire of its own making, albeit with outside "contribution". At the time the Baghdad conference was held, Arabs were hopeful that the meeting, while taking the necessary steps to minimize the impact of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, would act to map out a plan of action that would prevent a recurrence of the tragedy and offer the Arab world a chance to regroup and present itself as a driving force that can force itself to be heard in the international forums that act with an apparent monopoly on the fate of the region.

Peace, Egyptian style, has been rightly rejected, but what kind of peace strategy do the Arabs want? Branding countries and regimes as reactionary, imperialist and other similar descriptions makes for good newspaper copy and takes the edge off the bitterness and frustration felt by the average Arab, but it does not offer a solution.

The experiences with no-peace-no-war situations, have shown beyond doubt that the area cannot sustain natural political and economic development in such a suspended state of anxiety. Stating the obvious, this reduces the choice the Arabs have to either peace or war. If the consensus is for peace, and there is every reason to believe that it is, the Arabs must declare openly and collectively whether their preference is for a Geneva-type conference under American, Soviet and/or European auspices or some other combination. The second choice, that of war, is becoming an extremely unlikely option, but should it be the only choice, the Arabs should prepare for it.

So far there is little indication that the Arabs are ready to make their inescapable choice.

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"With the signing of the separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, the Palestinian question has become even more important," according to "Al-Medina."

The way the problem should be handled is now closer to the Saudi viewpoint. This viewpoint has, since the days of the late King Abdul Aziz, called for a Palestinian solution to the Palestinian problem with the Arabs giving them full backing. King Abdul Aziz had maintained that the issue should best be left to the Palestinian themselves. This is now thrown into special relief in view of the recent developments in the region for it is obvious that the enemies of the Palestinians have worked assiduously to remove the issue from their hands and prevent them from playing a direct role in solving it. This is made worse by the fragmentation of the Palestinians themselves who have joined different Arab camps and have been used to

strike other Palestinians with greater vehemence than they strike at the Israelis, their common enemy," the paper said.

The Arabs must reassess the whole issue, promote the positive and shun the negative tendencies and they must be helped by the Palestinians to do so. "The paper appealed to the Palestinian forces to end and oppose divisions. It is necessary," the paper added, "that they disseminate themselves in various ideological and pool their power and resources to serve their supreme objective. Once they unite and define their objectives, it would be easier for their Arab brothers to help them fulfil their aims."

According to "Al-Medina," the majority of Arabs "need a new information policy" in view of recent changes in the region. "The first aim should be to ignore the information onslaught

of the minority and their supporters who are trying to sell the new minority image abroad. The second aim should be to strengthen our own information campaign in order to refute the allegations of the other party. Thirdly, we should coordinate Arab and Islamic media through the forthcoming conferences of Arab and Islamic foreign ministers on an urgent basis."

Quoting an Israeli statement on plans to build ten new Jewish settlements in the West Bank "Al-Jazeera" said: "What greater evidence of Israeli designs does the world want? What do some Arabs or those who believe in the validity of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel want? Such statements by the Israelis should harden Arab convictions about Israeli aggression and ultimate intentions. We hope that world public opinion will realize that Israel does not even understand the meaning of peace as the world

knows it. Continued settlement of the occupied Arab lands is at complete variance with its much vaunted plan for the self-government of the West Bank and Gaza which the Arabs have rightly rejected."

"Al-Bilad" welcomed President Carter's energy program and said "it is hoped that it would lead to improvement" in the world economic situation.

"It is important to note the difference between what is actually needed and what is being consumed in such a wasteful fashion. Perhaps this is what President Carter is aiming at," it said.

Discussing Saudi policy and the role it is trying to have in the region, "Okaz" said the Kingdom has two main aims:

— "To achieve a unified Arab stand which can express itself at the international level;

— "To avoid inter Arab con-

flicts which will only weaken the Arabs.

"The difficulties are obvious," the paper said, "because of the divisions in the Arab world between the party that behaved unilaterally and the rejectionist front. This situation naturally limits Saudi Arabia's ability to mediate and reconcile conflicting Arab viewpoints. It cannot, agree with the separate peace makers because they failed to provide the minimal requirements of Arab policy nor can it agree with the rejectionists because of their violent reactions that offer no alternatives which can be placed at an international level devoid of misleading slogans."

"In view of this, Saudi Arabia is anxious to Arabize the principle of rejection, so that it does not throw its lot with the international left which can do nothing for the region because it cannot provide it with the military means to achieve its objectives."



Tell the Khawaja that we are very happy with his lounge stove. — (Okaz)

Multinational immunity to local hazards

By Dan Morgan
Part II of a Series

BASILAN ISLAND, Philippines — In the glow of a tropical dawn, B.F. Goodrich's corporate Beechcraft sweeps in over the copra boats lying motionless in a small harbor and settles down on a grassy airstrip.

As the plane taxis to a halt, two Philippine soldiers carrying automatic rifles step stiffly from the rows of rubber trees that line the runway.

In the wide corporate realm of the B.F. Goodrich Co., the multinational tire firm's rubber plantations here are only a tiny dot. The estates, totaling 7,500 acres, are not even mentioned in the company's most recent annual report.

But Goodrich's plantations on Basilan are located in the midst of a bitter civil war. The soldiers at Goodrich's private airstrip are a reminder that the company collects rubber here only under the protection of the Philippine army.

Five years ago, two of the three plantations were overrun by Muslim rebels. At least 19 local employees of Goodrich have been killed in the continuing unrest. Guerrillas still move about in the nearby mountains.

The Moro National Liberation Movement, which is fighting for autonomy for the southern Philippines, has accused multinational companies of "exploiting our resources hand-in-hand with the government" and has warned that they operate here at their own risk.

Menacing as those passionate words sound, they do not fundamentally threaten B.F. Goodrich.

As a modern multinational company, Goodrich operates in many countries, a fact that makes it virtually invulnerable to local hazards.

Its diversity, versatility and flexibility are a major source of its strength.

Goodrich is in Basilan to obtain rubber for its tire plant outside Manila. But if supplies were cut again, Goodrich's Manila plant could obtain natural rubber from its plantations in western Liberia, or it could buy it on the open market in Singapore.

Goodrich subsidiaries manufacture tires and related products in Brazil and Colombia; make chemicals in Australia, Belgium, Costa

Rica, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Venezuela and maintain insurance, financial and trading companies in Bermuda, the Bahamas and Panama.

The forces driving the postwar expansion of Goodrich and other U.S. businesses were economic, social and political. As American influence and power spread to Asia and Africa, U.S. companies naturally followed.

The U.S. government strongly encouraged this development with tax incentives, loans and political leverage.

In the 1960s, for instance, federal loans went to Goodyear for plant expansion or investment in India, Turkey and Colombia. And from July 1974 through 1976, former Treasury Secretary William Simon repeatedly urged Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and other Egyptian officials to issue a license to Goodyear for a tire plant in that country.

In April 1977, Goodyear announced that such a license had been granted. The U.S. government and the companies saw vast opportunities in improving American access to raw materials and markets, but it was often the developing countries themselves that provided the most lavish inducements.

Newly independent developing countries felt U.S. and European companies would provide immediate employment for thousands of workers, help them gain access to the technology needed to build their own basic industry and would aid them in cutting their import bill by substituting locally made products for foreign goods.

U.S. businessmen recall the 1950s and 1960s as the halcyon days of submissive governments and docile labor forces.

An official of General Tire of Akron relates how the general manager of the company's Chilean plant used to speed up the production line by walking through the plant used to speed up the production line by walking through the plant with a pocketful of change, handing coins to the workers.

"We were just minting money in Venezuela, Chile, Mexico, you name it," he said.

In the Philippines, the inducements included reduced income taxes, land, protection against foreign competitors, export incentives, tax credits on equipment purchased locally, tax exemptions

on imported equipment and tax deductions for worker training.

By 1960, Goodyear, Firestone and Goodrich were producing all the tires needed by the Philippines at local plants employing Philippine workers.

The Philippines is typical of a country that became a haven for foreign investors in that period.

Executives of the multinational tire companies make no mystery of the chief attraction of foreign investment: high returns in a "protected" business environment.

The profits and return on investment of individual foreign subsidiaries is seldom disclosed, even by companies with public stockholders, which report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

It is known that subsidiaries of all American firms earned \$19.9 billion on investments of \$148.8 billion in 1977 — a return of a healthy 14 per cent.

In the 1960s, businessmen say the profit percentage was often much higher. Generous concessions sometimes resulted in overseas subsidiaries paying for the initial investment in three or four years.

A study by the Philippine Ministry of Labor concluded that between 1967 and 1972, foreign companies of all kinds took out \$3.45 in fees, royalties and dividends for every \$1 they brought in as capital and technology.

Gov. Conrado Sanchez Jr. of the Philippine Board of Investments said in an interview the multinational tire companies had provided jobs, transferred technology and made a "positive contribution" to Philippine development.

Board officials add, however, that the companies' profits have been "unusually high."

Investment Board figures show that Goodrich withdrew more than \$1 million in dividends from the Philippines between October 1977 and November 1978. The 1977 earnings-to-sales ratios of Goodrich, Goodyear and Firestone in the Philippines were 16 per cent, 12 per cent and 12 per cent respectively — considerably higher than the ratios of the parent companies.

Tire company officials say that in addition to high profits, another compelling reason for moving plants abroad is the opportunity to capture large, secure markets.

Multinational tire companies are often given monopolies by developing countries, or share these markets with only one or two competitors.

"The company becomes a precursor of technological change — and they let the company work in a protected environment," says Goodyear International president I.B. Thomsen.

Thomsen says such incentives make it possible for Goodyear to establish tire plants in small countries that would otherwise be viewed as marginal markets.

As a side benefit of the expansion into many new countries, the multinationals positioned themselves to take advantage of global variations in currency rates, taxes, interest rates, and raw material and labor costs.

Nothing caused more controversy than the multinationals' ability to "shop" for the lowest-costing labor in a broad regional and international "market."

"Management finds that its power to close an entire operation in a community and transfer everything but the workers out of the country produces a marvelously obliging labor force," wrote Richard Barner and Ronald Muller in their book "Global Reach."

When Firestone recently announced plans to close its plant near Basel, Switzerland, the workers offered to take a 20 per cent pay cut, but were advised that not even that would save the plant.

Labor costs and the labor cli-



Dockworkers load rubber ashore in Singapore, where it is traded on the open market

mate became a major factor in the leapfrogging of tire plants from one country or region to another.

In ordering Michelin workers to report for duty on Saturdays recently, President Francois Mitterrand reminded them that they were part of a world labor market that included industrious Japanese workers.

Michelin officials say labor costs and an "anti-union climate" was also a principal reason in that company's decision to invest more than \$100 million in two new tire plants and a mixing plant in South Carolina since 1973.

Relatively low labor costs was one of the inducements that Morocco was able to offer Goodyear in persuading it to build a tire plant there in 1972.

The average hourly wage today

for tire workers in Morocco is \$ 1.30-an-hour (plus a piecework bonus), compared with an average \$ 8-an-hour in the United States.

"In Morocco, we don't have the great traditions of France or the United States," explains Hechemi Bannani, national secretary of the Workers Union of Morocco (UMT). "Industry is a new phenomenon in our country. The entrepreneur is always thought to be right and notions of justice aren't the same."

The Chemical Workers Union, a branch of the UMT, signed its first labor agreement with General Tire in Morocco in 1975 — 13 years after General became the first American firm to invest in that country.

But Bannani contends that while tire workers in his country

are half as productive as American workers, they receive one-sixth the hourly pay.

Many developing countries still have no minimum wage laws, and some outlaw strikes.

There are some signs of increasing militancy among trade unions, but laws and government actions still often favor management.

President Ferdinand Marcos' imposition of martial law in the Philippines in 1972 brought an end to a bitter, year-long strike at Firestone. The company has had no serious labor problems in the Philippines since.

Even before Michelin saw the labor advantages of the U.S. Sun Belt, American companies such as Goodyear had begun to shift production to that region.

While Goodyear has been phasing out its plants in Akron, it has invested several hundred million dollars in expansion or new plants in the U.S. Sun Belt in Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

Before shutting the company's last Akron tire plant chairman Charles J. Pilliod Jr. noted that it cost \$ 2 less to make the Goodyear G78-15 "power streak" tire in Gadsden, Ala., than in Akron.

Pilliod strongly defends Goodyear's geographical diversification as being in the broader interest of the company's survival — and, thus good for the U.S. economy and American workers as well.

"The worst crime a company can commit," he says, "is not to make a profit." — (WP)

North-South progress

By John J. Harter

SEATTLE — Changing perceptions of national needs may lead to sharply improved economic relations between industrial countries and the Third World, according several speakers at a conference in Seattle.

"There is now an opportunity before us to take a new view of structural adjustments to the changing needs of the world economy," Braford Morse, administrator of the United Nations Development Program, told the March 30-31 Northwest Regional Conference on the emerging international economic order.

Morse, a former U.S. congressman, sees a growing awareness in the Third World that ever-expanding exports of developing-country raw material resources to the industrial countries may not be enough.

In the industrialized countries, he cited "many great cities in palpable decay and entire economies suffering from the simultaneous fever of inflation and sterility of stagnation" as factors prompting a search for new strategies of economic management.

He said the domestic economic problems of industrialized countries have in the past been examined largely in terms of the need for structural adjustments within those economies and among them, and on defensive measures relative to the still-limited competition in manufactured goods from some developing countries.

He said there is now more doubt that industrialized market economies can resolve their unemployment problems without taking account of the changing international economic system.

Manuel Perez-Guerrero, Venezuela's Minister of State for International Economic Affairs, told the conference in its keynote address that he believes UNCTAD-V (the fifth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, scheduled to take place in Manila in May) will be able to approach North-South issues in a particularly constructive atmosphere because of progress made in Common Fund negotiations in Manila.

Mitchell Sharp, former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs and now a key Canadian energy official, told the conference the North-South dialogue has progressed in recent years from a stage marked by harsh developing-country demand for a radical new international economic order to a phase of active and promising negotiations on specific economic issues.

Sharp pointed out that a number of negotiations are now in progress to alter the way in which international economic decisions are reached — negotiations seeking to modernize the international monetary system, international trade, and the policies and practices of international corporations. He said he was particularly encouraged by the recent success of the Common Fund negotiations in Geneva, which illustrated the kinds of compromises that can be beneficial to all countries.

Alister McIntyre, director of the UNCTAD commodities division, said the Common Fund when installed will represent the "first universal financial institution" in which developed, developing, and socialist countries participate in a reasonable equitable manner. He called it a pioneer venture for the "spirit of collective self-reliance" in developing countries.

Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told the conference he believes the North-South dialogue of recent years has "presented an image of false dichotomy comparable to an equally simplistic view a few years earlier of a world split between the East and the West." Improved economic order in the world, he said, "should be an order which is not imposed by one group upon another, but an order which encourages the growth of world commerce to the benefit of all."

Church emphasized that expanded trade can do more to stimulate developing country growth than any amount of official development assistance, and he said he will actively support "well-crafted" commodity agreements designed to help developing countries.

Eight conference workshops explored specific issues of importance to developing countries. Some highlights:

— Donald Kimmel of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization told the workshop on the world supply that developing countries will need substantial increased financial assistance to invest in irrigation, fertilizers, market development, credit institutions, extensions services, and the other support needed to expand food production sufficiently to prevent disastrous shortages in the 1980s.

— Dennis Gould of the Overseas Development Council told the workshop on multinational corporations that no single approach or mechanism for transferring technology will be equally suitable to countries or corporations, or even to different situations in the same country.

— Mat Schafer of the Export-Import Bank of the United States told a conference session that national export credit agencies in the economically advanced countries are increasingly contributing to structural changes in the world economy by financing industrialization in developing countries. "Our own bank's capacity to extend credit to developing countries now exceeds that of the world bank," he said, "and other countries have similar institutions. Their cumulative and rapidly growing impact on their industrial development is tremendous." — (USICA)

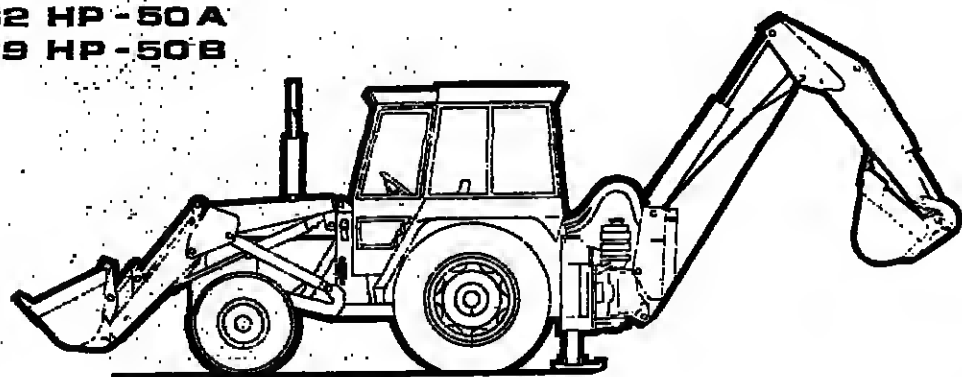
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Nuggets, Kings still tied in Midwest

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — The Denver Nuggets, getting 33 points from David Thompson, posted their 10th victory in the last 11 starts by beating the Boston Celtics, 107-101, Friday night while Kansas City, getting 33 points from Otis Birdsong, slipped past the New Jersey Nets 117-114 in overtime for its second straight overtime victory.

The Nuggets and Kings are tied for the Midwest Division lead with 47-34 records. Denver closes its season at Philadelphia Sunday while Kansas City winds up at Indiana.

If the Kings win there, they will get the bye through the first round of the playoffs that goes to the division champion even if Denver also wins. That's because the Kings won three of their four meetings this year.

Among other NBA games Friday night, the Seattle Supersonics clinched the Pacific Division title and a first-round bye by beating the Lakers, 113-93, as guards Gus Williams and Dennis Johnson scored 31 and 20 points.

Phoenix erased an 18-point third-quarter deficit to beat San Diego, 118-117. It was the Suns' eighth straight victory and raised their record to 50-30, best in the history of the franchise.

Moses Malone scored 30 points as Houston beat Cleveland, 112-110 and remained in the running for the Central Division title.

John Drew scored 22 points and six Atlanta teammates also scored in double figures as the Hawks beat the Pistons, 112-96, and stayed one-half game behind Houston in their race for the home-court advantage in the first-round of the playoffs.



GRAND SLAM: L.A.'s Ferguson

Orioles defeat White Sox for manager's 1,000th win

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — Rich Dauer's two-run single keyed a three-run Baltimore rally in the second inning and Jim Palmer pitched as the Orioles defeated the Chicago White Sox, 5-3, for manager Earl Weaver's 1,000th major league victory Friday.

Weaver became the 31st manager in baseball history to reach that plateau, while the loss ruined the managerial debut of Chicago's Don Kessinger.

In the National League, 10th-inning errors by Willie Stargell and Dale Berra resulted in an unearned run that gave the Montreal Expos a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Ken Reitz and Tony Scott each collected three hits and drove in three runs, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to an 8-1 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies behind John Denny's five-hitter.

Enos Cabell drove in two runs with a first-inning single off Atlanta's Phil Niekro and Houston made it stand up for a 2-1 season-opening over the Braves.

And the San Francisco Giants beat Cincinnati 7-2, for their second straight victory over the Reds.

In late night games on the West Coast, Joe Ferguson slugged a grand-slam homer and Reggie Smith belted a three-run homer, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers past San Diego, 10-1.

Rupert Jones bit two home runs as Seattle collected a club record 17 hits and 14 runs in crushing the California Angels, 14-6. And Minnesota beat Oakland, 5-3.

Lopez in limelight and trouble on tour

By Ken Peters
RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. April 7 (AP) — Nancy Lopez rattled off a string of four consecutive birdies Friday en route to a 70 as she shared the second-round lead in the \$ 305,000 Dinah Shore Winners Circle with Sandra Post and Chako Higuchi.

Lopez, who won nine Ladies Professional Golf Association events last year and already has two victories to her credit in 1979, birdied the ninth through 12th holes at the Mission Hills Country club to move to six-under par 138 for the tournament.

And the ladies don't like it at all. The 22-year-old Lopez has been the LPGA's dominant player for the past year garnering most of the publicity and attention. Resentment appears to be growing in the tight-knit group at the publicity, compounded perhaps by her preference to be a "loner."

Tour veteran Sandra Palmer told Freddie Hobbledo of the "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner": "Nancy Lopez can be beaten, but even when she's not winning, we still bear about her."

When Lopez missed a long putt on the final regulation hole of last week's LPGA event at Costa Mesa, Calif. to drop back into a five-way tie for the lead, there were cheers in the ladies' locker room, where other players were watching on television.

Lopez caddy, Roscoe Jones, said, "I heard about the cheering in the locker room when Nancy missed that putt. And the leader of

the choir was Hollis Stacy." Lopez bogeyed the first playoff hole in that tournament, which was won by Joanne Carrer.

"I have nothing against Nancy personally," said Stacy. "She's a great player and deserves everything she's won, but..."

Susan Berning, two-time U.S. Open champion who now plays part-time on the tour, said she feels no resentment toward Lopez, but understands how others might.

"It's not Nancy's fault," Berning said. "At least I'm not jealous of her, but if I were a Joanne Carrer or a Kathy Whitworth or a Judy Rankin, I might resent it."

"Those are the players who made the LPGA, not Nancy Lopez. Those players who were once great, and some of them still are, deserve a better shake from the press."

Berning said Lopez never is seen in the locker room, and that she has not built up a good rapport with the veterans.

"I'm a loner, that's just the way I am," Lopez said.

"There are many great players out here and I do feel they deserve more credit than great players out here and I do feel they deserve more credit than they're getting. But if they have to win to get it, then they're going to play better than I do," Lopez said.

Meanwhile in Greensboro, N.C. Jack Renner overcame howling winds for a one-under-par 71 and a one-shot lead Friday in the second round of the \$ 350,000 greater Greensboro Open.

Greg Chappell alone holds out

W. Indies savagery skittles Australia

ANTIGUA, April 7 (AP) — Despite Greg Chappell's third consecutive century of the series, Australia collapsed to a first innings total of 234 on the first day of the fifth and decisive World Series Cricket Supertest against the West Indies in Antigua Friday.

The West Indies had replied with 33 for one in three quarters of an hour's batting before the close of play.

Chappell followed his 150 in the third Supertest and 113 in the fourth with another flawless exhibition for 104. He was the lone figure standing against penetrating West Indian fast bowling as the last seven wickets tumbled for 66 runs.

The Australians were sent into bat after West Indian captain Clive Lloyd had won the toss but the pitch proved ideal for batting and the early indications were for a sizeable Australian total.

After losing opener Bruce Laird to fast bowler Mike Holding with only 15 scored, Rick McCosker and Martin Kent added 50 in attractive style for the second wicket before fast bowler Andy Roberts, playing in front of his home crowd, removed both.

McCosker was caught hooking for 35 and Kent bowled off his body for 40 as the Australians went to lunch at 104 for three.

After the interval, brothers Greg and Ian Chappell appeared to be settling in for a productive partnership until a single incident sparked Roberts and the West Indies to life. They were certain Ian was caught by wicketkeeper Deryck Murray off Roberts but the umpire ruled against them.

Roberts responded with hostile, really fast bowling. Next ball, a bouncer had Ian Chappell fending the ball off his body to be caught at gully by Rox Frederick for 26.

Left hander David Hookes was struck in the chest by his first delivery, a blow which affected his confidence, and he was soon

caught off another bouncer for two.

At tea, the Australians were 194 for five with Greg 83 and the innings collapsed on an hour afterwards for the addition of only 40 runs.

Fast bowler Colin Croft created havoc among the lower order, claiming four of the last five wickets — including that of Chappell.

Dhahran tourney ends

UPM team shows tennis promise

By Geoff Gardner

DHAHRAN — When the second annual Eastern Province Tennis League tournament concluded Friday several of the participants started making travel plans.

Paul Krieger won an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Bahrain for two nights with a 6-4, 7-5, win over Gordon Procter in the A Flight singles.

And Ahmed Tabir, seeded number three, won free shipment of freight, with his 6-3, 6-2 victory over Andy Smith in the B Flight.

UPM tennis team members who have already been promised sponsorship in the World Student Games in Mexico City in September by the Saudi Arabia Table Tennis and Tennis Federation, may also be able to compete in another international competition.

At the tournament held at the UPM courts, Dr. Zaid Sabie, the Federation's tennis committee member, expressed interest in offering support for UPM a trip to Tunisia to compete there in Arab competition in late 1979.

According to UPM tennis coach Neil Perkins, the UPM team was also invited to participate in an as yet unscheduled tournament in Riyadh.

"Dr. Sabie showed interest and was suitably impressed with our program," Perkins said.

"The students played even better in the tournament than I thought they would."

The tournament, which caps the second season of League play, had 17 students in the 70 singles draw and eight teams in the 40-team doubles draw.

The Eastern Province Tennis League was founded by Perkins in January, 1978, to give his students match competition.

In the final of the tournament play, top-seeded Krieger took a close match from Procter to win the Bahrain trip.

"Krieger's all-around power and serve and volley overcame tenacious retrieving by Procter," Perkins — who served as umpire and tournament director — said.

"Procter was up 3-0 in the second set and Krieger was tiring, but Paul was just too good," Perkins said.

In the B Flight finals, Tahir won the free-freight shipment to his home and trophy for his upset win over No. 1 seed Andy Smith.

Third seed Alex Jackson topped unseeded T. Karlsson to win a dinner for two at an Al-Khobar hotel and a trophy with his 6-3, 6-4 win in the C Flight singles.

Extremely close matches highlighted the doubles play. Last



TRIALS: Lotus drivers Reutemann, right, and Andretti, center, chat with Brabham's Niki Lauda before time trials. Reutemann posted the fastest time Friday at Long Beach.

Reutemann is fastest at Long Beach

LONG BEACH, Calif., April 7 (AP) — Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, who won the Long Beach Grand Prix for Ferrari last year, clocked the fastest qualifying lap Friday for his new team, Lotus.

Reutemann went 90.757 miles per hour for his fastest lap over the 2.02-mile course over Long Beach streets, a layout with 12 turns.

The Argentine now holds the pole position among the 26 entrants in this \$ 600,000 race, but could be dislodged. All drivers get another turn Saturday to improve

their positions for Sunday's 80-lap race.

Reutemann replaced Ronnie Peterson of Sweden in the Lotus team. Peterson was killed in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza last September.

"It is a shame," Mario Andretti, won the World Driving Championship, but his qualifying time for the U.S. Grand Prix West was only the fifth fastest at 90.571 mph.

Following Reutemann were Gilles Villeneuve of Canada in a Ferrari at 90.689, Jacques Laffite of France in a Ligier at 90.645 and Jody Scheckter of South Africa in a Ferrari at 90.571.

Reutemann covered his lap qualifying record of 1:20.636 set here last year.

Even Reutemann was surprised that his year-old Lotus was faster than the new Ferraris, which finished 1-2 in the South African Grand Prix on March 4.

"It is very important in this Long Beach race to start on the front row or the second and take the first turn with 'no crashes,'" Reutemann said.

"I hope a few small changes will make my car quicker. This course is uphill and downhill, so it is difficult to tell if ground effects make much difference. I felt a lot of jumping in my car and we bottomed out a couple of times."

Ground effects make the cars stick to the pavement by creating low air pressure underneath the body. Most of the cars, including Reutemann's have some form of ground effect engineering.

The temperature was mild with little wind on the city street course, with 27,500 spectators. The grandstands are sold out for Sunday when between 80,000 and 100,000 are expected to watch.

Two-time world champion Niki Lauda of Austria was only ninth-fastest in a Brabham Alfa at 89.297. Emerson Fittipaldi of Brazil, also a two-time world champion, wound up 17th in his Copersucar at 88.148.

Villeneuve came back to place second after hitting the wall with his Ferrari coming out of the eighth turn in the morning run. He escaped without injury.



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Hopes of end to strike dashed

Teamsters contract talks broken off

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP) — Contract talks between striking drivers and trucking industry bargainers have broken off, apparently dashing hopes for a quick end to the longest trucking shutdown in United States history.

"I'm sorry to tell you that the talks have broken off," chief industry bargainer Curtis Counts said. "We had two days of discussions but we were unable to get the agreement in focus."

The breakdown Friday raised the likelihood that the work stoppage that went into its seventh day Saturday would drag into next week and threaten new economic disruptions, particularly in the automobile industry.

One auto maker warned it will have to shut down virtually all production Monday, and the government said layoffs of auto workers will top 200,000 next week if the industry's lockout of striking Teamsters continues to disrupt delivery of parts.

Counts said the union's contract demands exceed President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation guideline, but declined to say by how much.

So far, the lockout of some 235,000 drivers and warehouse workers by about 500 major trucking firms has had limited

impact on the United States economy outside the car industry.

As of Friday, 54,000 workers were laid off and 67,000 others worked short shifts after parts shipments were disrupted.

The Labor Department said Friday that "no general problems carrying food have developed" so

far. Supplies of dry or processed foods affected by the shutdown should last for several weeks.

The department also said there have been reports of some delays of military shipments because of the lockout, but movement of perishable foods, fuels and household goods remain unaffected by the dispute.

But officials fear a prolonged work stoppage could begin sending shock waves through the economy next week, causing shortages of some foods and other consumer goods and forcing more plant closures.

The Labor Department is poised to seek a court order sending workers back to the job for 80 days should the impact reach crisis proportions, department officials said.

The Teamsters, whose only previous national truck strike was a three-day walkout in 1976, ordered a selective strike against 73 trucking firms last Sunday morning after the old three-year pact expired. The industry retaliated by barring union workers from the job in what it called a "defensive shutdown."

The two sides, separated by a disagreement over only 25 cents an hour in cash terms when the talks collapsed last weekend, resumed bargaining Thursday. The industry rejected the union's demand for more money, saying it would exceed the anti-inflation wage guideline.

The Carter administration has persistently urged the industry to stay within an elastic seven per cent annual wage guideline.

Third World states said balking at trade package

GENEVA, April 7 (AP) — A majority of developing countries will initial only parts of the draft package Tokyo round treaty here next week, informed delegation sources predict.

Among industrialized nations involved in the five-year-old talks creeping towards an expected ceremonial conclusion here Wednesday or Thursday, there is a last-minute effort to upgrade the scheduled initialing.

In diplomatic procedure, to initial a document just means that a representative confirms that what he initialed is the authentic text of the agreement concluded by delegations. Initialing does not commit a government in any way.

Some delegates, however, would like a stronger commitment to some of the agreements. Sources said that discussions along this line were continuing.

Sources from the "Group of 77" developing nations said most of those represented will not initial all of the draft agreements. There are 75 developing countries taking part in the Tokyo round. They have complained consistently the industrialized states are running the show in Geneva.

They have in particular blamed the European Community for seeking a code that would grant importing countries the right to block imports from developing states.

Leading indicators highest in six months

Resilient U.S. markets defy predictions of recession

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP) — There is much confusion these days among the many analysts who use the behavior of the stock market as a means of forecasting where the United States economy is heading.

If a widely predicted recession is in fact on the way, the market should in theory be declining now. Instead, nearly all the leading market indicators rose this past week to their highest levels in at least six months.

Even some of the most optimistic acknowledge that recent economic developments, notably surging oil prices, seem to have heightened the chances of a business slowdown later this year. But such signals seem to have had no impact at all on stock prices.

"The market's resiliency in the face of such developments raised questions about some widely accepted concepts — like the idea that the market is supposed to act as an economic barometer," wrote analysts at Wall Street's

Argus Research Corp.

"Some observers argue that the market has become recession-resistant. Stocks are statistically cheap, they say, and likewise there is a vast amount of institutional money on the sidelines and the long term outlook is so bright, the market will hold up even if a recession does materialize," the analysts said.

"Perhaps that is so. But a market that is resistant to some early signs and to talk of a recession is not necessarily a market that will hold up in the face of a real business setback," they added.

In the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 13.51 to 875.69, for its fifth consecutive weekly gain.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index gained 94 to 58.04, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 2.04 at 181.74, continuing to establish highs since the AMEX introduced it in 1973.

Big board volume set its

heaviest pace of the year, averaging 34.74 million shares a day against 30.99 million the week before.

The Value Line Investment Survey, which has held a persistently bullish view of market prospects for some time now, acknowledged that recent developments such as price increases by the oil-exporting states and the de-control of oil announced by President Jimmy Carter have increased the chances of a recession.

"But this recession has been as well advertised as if it were a creation of Madison Avenue," the service said.

The one notable sector of the market that did not establish a 1979 high in the past week was the utility group. As of late in the week, the Dow Jones utility average was off a fraction from where it stood a year ago, while other indicators showed gains of 10 per cent or better.

The utility stocks, most analysts agree, have suffered for some time because of high interest rates, which make their dividends relatively less attractive to income-

conscious investors.

Then came the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant near Harrisburg, Pa., in late March. Shares of general public utilities, the holding company which owns the plant, fell from 17 1/2 at the time of the accident to below 14 late last week.

"It is apparent that the nuclear accident in Pennsylvania is no longer general public utilities' problem, but a problem for the entire electric utility industry," said Bache Halsey Stuart Shields analysts Richard Toole and Mary Dunlea.



AGAPE: A prototype of the Boeing 767 is lowered together for cockpit research at Everett, Washington. The 767 will be the first 1/2 of a new generation of Boeings, the first new airplane undertaken by the company in 12 years.

'Investment act being drafted'

China seeks to boost trade ties

TOKYO, April 7 (AP) — Chinese Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) says China will continue to adopt "common international practices" in trade and economic exchange and that "an investment act is still being drafted."

Gu Mu, who is minister in charge of the State Capital Construction Commission, made the

statement in an interview with the official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency Friday on the nation's economic construction policy, Xinhua said in a dispatch from Peking.

He said "The general principle of China's economic construction remains: rely mainly on our own efforts while making external assistance subsidiary."

"China will continue to develop trade, economic and technical exchange and cooperation with friendly countries and to introduce advanced techniques from abroad. This policy has not been altered," he said.

In the course of modernizing industry, agriculture, science and technology and defense, "top priority should be given to those departments which play a key role in the national economy and other departments will have to come next."

In line with the order of priority, agriculture, light industry and heavy industry "investment in agriculture will grow and the rate of development will be quickened."

"In China, which is rather backward economically and has a

large population, advanced industries and backward ones, and large enterprises and medium and small ones, are expected to exist side by side over a considerable period of time. So there will be room for development of both automated, mechanized and semi-mechanized production and various types of handicrafts," Gu Mu said.

"This guiding principle of ours is determined by two considerations: first, our ability to pay in foreign exchange, and second, our large population and the need to make full use of our labor power," he added.

Weighs Carter's message

Market hit with dull day

NEW YORK, April 7 — The market moved in a lackluster fashion all Friday trying to assess President Jimmy Carter's energy message of Thursday evening. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 1.91, transports advanced 1.55, and utilities rose .70. Volume of trading was 34.8 million shares, as gains outnumbered losers by a very narrow margin. The American Stock Exchange closed down .64 to 181.74.

Among the most active issues, Woolworth gained 1/2 to 25 1/2, Texaco unchanged at 26 1/2, Scott Paper up 1/4 to 22 1/2, Gulf Oil up 1/4 to 27 1/2, Charter Co. gained 1 to 11 1/2, Texas Int'l rose 1/4 to 14 1/2, Atlantic Richfield advanced 1 1/2 to 65 and Hilton Hotel gained 1 1/2 to 31.

Growth and glamor issues were mixed with Smithline off 1 1/2 to 94 1/2, Baxter Labs fell 1 to 37 1/2, National Medical up 1/4 to 23, Digital Equipment rose 1/2 to 56, IBM lost 2 1/2 to 318 1/2, Eastman Kodak lost 1 1/2 to 64 1/2, Honeywell gained 1/4 to 69 1/2, Philip Morris added 1/2 to 63 1/2 and Tandy dropped 1/4 to 24.

Energy issues were up slightly with cities service up 1/4 to 62 1/2, Standard of Indiana advanced 1/2 to 63 1/2, Pittston gained 1/4 to 21 1/2, Halliburton added 1 1/2 to 71 1/2 and Schlumberger gained 1/2 to 106 1/2.

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Qatari crude output down in February

DOHA, April 7 (R) — Qatar state's crude production and exports dropped by about nine per cent in February compared with January, according to official figures released Saturday.

Production in February was 15.5 million barrels and exports 14.9 million barrels against January production of 17.0 million barrels and exports of 16.4 million barrels.

No reason for the drop in production and exports was given.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	6.97	7.00	7.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	180.00	179.25
Swiss F (100)	198.00	201.00	198.50
French F (100)	78.00	78.75	78.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.05	4.02
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.00	107.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.50	86.75
Egyptian Pound	—	4.52	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.20
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.30	11.28
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.00	87.90
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.00	87.90
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.70	8.79
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.00	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	87.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.50	34.25
Gold kg	—	26,200	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,060	—
Silver kg bar	—	900	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.57	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.91	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.66	1.69	—

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Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of the graveyard of Al-Matwi in Qassim	300	June 5
" " "	Fencing of graveyard of Hamila and Faqih in Qassim	400	June 9
" " "	Fencing of graveyard of Miskah village in Al-Rass, Qassim	150	June 10
" " "	Fencing of graveyards or northern and northeastern Thamadiah in Qassim	250	June 11
" " "	Fencing of Halifa graveyard in Central Province	100	June 12
" " "	Fencing of graveyards of Haushabiah, Zoainah, Raihanian and Kadehin in Mindaq	500	June 16
" " "	Fencing of live graveyards in the villages of Domat Al-Jandal	500	June 17
" " "	Temporary asphaltting in some rural areas of Domat Al-Jandal	500	June 18

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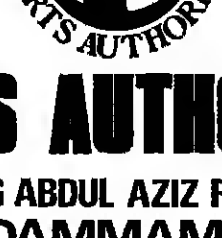
Middle East Shipping Information

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BALTIMORE, Md. April 7 (AP)— Maryland Port Administration officials say a three-day-old longshoremen's strike is beginning to take its toll on traffic through Baltimore's docks. Spokesman Don Klein said Friday 20 ships have been idled by the strike, and at least three others have been diverted from Baltimore to either Philadelphia or New York. The biggest issue in the walkout centers around alleged police harassment. The union members are demanding that the governing local government be required to operate any equipment in the state-owned terminals and that traffic violations committed in the port area not be counted against driver's licenses. The port and the Maryland Vehicle administration, however, has said the demands are unacceptable.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF CHANGES PAST 48 HRS				
DATE: 10.5.1399 / 7 4.1979 TIME: 0700 HRS.				
Vessels Working	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
Berth No.				
6.	LILIANA	ORRI	PAPER ROLLS	6.4.79
7.	LELA	SAITE	GENERAL	6.4.79
9.	FENRIS	KANOO	GENERAL	6.4.79
10.	MERCANDIAN AMBASSADOR	ORRI	GENERAL	6.4.79
11.	NEW SHINE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAG	3.4.79
12.	CITY OF WINCHESTER	KANOO	GENERAL	6.4.79
14.	NIGERIA VENTURE	AL SAADA	GENERAL	5.4.79
15.	MEMNON	BARBER	CONTINGENERAL	6.4.79
17.	CHIEFTAIN	GULF	GENERAL/STEEL	4.4.79
19.	KEPETANIKOS	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	1.4.79
20.	GULF RELIANCE	SOEASIA	C. CEMENT IN BAG	1.4.79
21.	BAKAR (O.B)	ALREZA	BULK CEMENT	3.4.79
22.	FORT NELSON	REZAYAT	M. HOMES GENERAL	6.4.79
23.	TARGO	BARBER	CONTAINER/GENERAL	6.4.79
24.	HELLENIC VALOR	GULF	RO-RO	6.4.79
25.	EMILY MOON	ALREZA	CARS	6.4.79
26.	INOIAN PROSPERITY	GULF	GENERAL	6.4.79
28.	KASUGA MARU	GULF	STEEL/PRODUCTS	4.4.79
29.	LUXM BURG	O C E	GENERAL	1.4.79
VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH				
	MORLANG HEIOI	KANOO	GENERAL	26.3.79
	MELPO	GULF	CEMENT IN BAGS	5.4.79
2 - RECENT ARRIVALS				
	LILIANA	ORRI	PAPER ROLLS	6.4.79
	LELA	SAITE	GENERAL	5.4.79
	IBN HAZM	KANOO	GENERAL	5.4.79
	MATHILDE MEARS	KANOO	CONT/GENERAL	6.4.79
	FENRIS	KANOO	GENERAL	6.4.79
	CITY OF WINCHESTER	KANOO	GENERAL	6.4.79
	NIGERIA VENTURE	AL SAADA	GENERAL	5.4.79
	INOIAN PROSPERITY	GULF	GENERAL	6.4.79
	EMILY MOON	ALREZA	CARS	6.4.79
	HELLENIC VALOR	GULF	RO-RO	6.4.79
	TARAGO	BARBER	CONTINGENERAL	6.4.79
	MEMNON	BARBER	GENERAL/CONT.	6.4.79
	MERCANDIAN AMBASSADOR	ORRI	GENERAL	6.4.79
	MELPO	GULF	CEMENT IN BAGS	5.4.79
	GRAND NAVIGATOR	ALOURAISHI	CONTAINER	5.4.79
	OANA OPTIMA	AL SAADA	CONTAINER	5.4.79
	NEDDLO YD LOIRE	KANOO	GENERAL/REEFER	5.4.79
	PRESIDENT	SAITE	CONTAINERS	5.4.79
	ST LOUIS	REZAYAT	CONTAINERS	5.4.79
	FORT NELSON	REZAYAT	M. HOMES GENERAL	6.4.79
3 - VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS				
	QUAN JIN	ORRI		
	EASTERN OCEAN	GOSAIBI		
	PREMIER ARCTIC	ORRI		
	MERZARIO GALLIA	A E T		
	HOEGH PILOT	KANOO		
4 - TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 109,543				
5 - WAITING TIME : NIL				
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1-VESSELS DISCHARGING	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
BERTH VESSEL			
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4 ROCKHAMPTON STAR	Barber	Reefer/General	3/4/79
5 CHAR YEUNG	Abdallah	General/Contrs.	4/4/79
6 —	—	—	—
7 —	—	—	—
8 STONEWALL JACKSON	A.E.T.	General	6/4/79
Barges	—	—	—
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14 —	—	—	—
15 potoi island	Alatas	Timber/General	—
16 PITTSBURGH	Razayat	Containers	6/4/79
17 —	—	—	6/4/79
18 FOUR FLAGS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	6/4/79
19 GRENA	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	2/4/79
20 MARITIME ALLUANCE	Baroom	Bgd. Cement	25/3/79
21 HILDA WESCH	S.N.L.	Containers	6/4/79
22 ELENI II	A.A.	Bgd. Cement	5/4/79
23 Golden Minerva	A.E.T.	Vehicles	6/4/79
27 FILIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	6/4/79
35 CASILDA DEL MAR	H.S.S.C.	Containers	6/4/79
38 ILSE	Red Sea	General/Containers	6/4/79
39 —	—	—	—
40 —	—	—	—
41 —	—	—	—
42 —	—	—	—
43 —	—	—	—
44 IKOMA MARU	Star	Reefer	30/3/79
OIMITRIOS K	Star	Reefer	6/4/79
2- RECENT ARRIVALS			
HELLENIC FAITH	Alpha	General	6/4/79
JOLLY VERDE	Alpha	Vehicles	5/4/79
ELENI II	A.A.	Cement	5/4/79
VILLE DE BORGOEAUX	M.T.A.	Containers	5/4/79
GRIGO ROUSSA	Alpha	General	5/4/79
ILSE	Red Sea	CONTAINERS	5/4/79
FOUR FLAGS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	6/4/79
STONEWALL JACKSON	A.E.T.	Lash Barges (Gen.)	6/4/79
GOLDEN MINERVA	A.E.T.	Vehicles	6/4/79
ASTIR	Medco	Containers	6/4/79
NIKOLAOS	O.C.E.	General/Timber	6/4/79
POTOI ISLAND	Alatas	Containers	6/4/79
PITTSBURGH	Razayat	Containers	6/4/79
HILDA WESCH	S.N.L.	Reefer	6/4/79
OIMITRIOS K	Star	Reefer	6/4/79
AOIB	O.C.E.	Reefer	6/4/79
CASILDA DEL MAR	H.S.S.C.	Containers	6/4/79
NEDILLOYD ROSARIO	Alatas	Containers	6/4/79
ELISABETH BOLTEIN	A.E.T.	Vehicles	7/4/79
3- VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS			
MAN TAT	Anasco	General/Contrs.	7/4/79
HAMLET ARABIA	S.N.L.	General/Contrs.	7/4/79
EVELPIS	El Hawi	Apples	7/4/79
NEUGRABEN	Fayez	RoRo	7/4/79
ACHILUNGO	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	7/4/79
SAILUNDO	Alsade	General / Pipes	7/4/79
NKOLAY NEKRASOV	A.E.T.	General/Feeft	7/4/79
4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 50.645			
5- WAITING TIME: NIL			
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Kampala reportedly quiet

Libya said to pull troops from Uganda

NAIROBI April 7 (AP) — Diplomats in Kampala reported Saturday that all the Libyan troops airlifted into Uganda to prop up Idi Amin's regime had left the country.

They also said the president had set up a defense post east of the capital. They reported no sign of a final Tanzanian push on the center of Kampala.

The informants said the Libyans were flown out of Nakasongola, an

air base 70 miles (120 kilometers) north of Kampala, presumably home to Libya.

Exiles and diplomats said the Libyans, originally estimated at up to 2,600 men, initially retreated from Kampala along an "escape corridor" deliberately left open by invading Tanzanians and exiles to Jinja, 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of the capital.

From there, the Libyans were ferried in trucks and by rail to

Nakasongola.

The diplomats, based in Kampala, did not give the source of their information and their reports could not be independently confirmed. But residents of Kampala said there were no Libyans evident in the capital, and witnesses in Jinja saw trains being loaded with troops on Friday.

The Kampala sources also said Amin was "definitely" inside Kampala Friday evening, when

the resident made a live radio and television broadcast, to pledge he would never abandon his capital.

The broadcast was met with skepticism in Nairobi because of persistent rumors that Amin had fled Uganda.

Western diplomats in the Ugandan capital said Amin arrived at the studios of radio Uganda on the central Nakasongola Hill by helicopter.

They also said he had set up a new and secret command post between Kampala and Jinja to the east of the capital. Exile sources have listed two positions east of the capital as apparent Ugandan holdouts, Kireka Hill 10 miles from the city and Mukono, 15 miles away.

Nakasongola Hill, a four-square-mile section of Kampala that includes the Uganda Radio headquarters, major hotels, the post office, one of Amin's residences, the notorious State Research Bureau Amin's intelligence and secret police agency) and the high court, was also reported still in the hands of pro-Amin troops.

"It's too early to call the capital defenseless," said a diplomat. But he added that remaining Ugandan troops could put up only "very little resistance" once the Tanzanians made their final push.

Residents of Kampala reported sounds of fighting from the south of the capital Friday night, where the Tanzanians and exiles were apparently consolidating their position. Details were not available.

The capital was reported quiet Saturday morning.

Radio Uganda went on the air as usual Saturday morning with repeats of Friday's late newscasts, centered on Amin's broadcasts.

"We shall continue to fight. We have troops, we have arms and we have the spirit to defend our country," Amin declared.

The radio skipped its usual 1 p.m. (1000 GMT) newscast and, in broadcasts that frequently failed out, played music. Former residents of Uganda said that the radio could continue external broadcasts even if the capital fell, since these were beamed from Soroti in eastern Uganda.



LISTING: The burning Italian cruise ship Angelina Lauro caught fire in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands on March 31. No one was injured but the luxury liner was virtually gutted. Tugboats prop up the ship to prevent it from overturning. (AP photo)

Set to begin April 14

Vietnam agrees to negotiate with China

BANGKOK, April 7 (R) — Vietnam Saturday agreed to start peace talks with China next Saturday in Hanoi.

A Vietnamese Foreign Ministry note broadcast by Radio Hanoi said Vietnam was prepared to receive a Chinese delegation headed by Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong (Hannien-lung) on that day, as proposed by China Friday.

The start of the talks has been delayed several times in a flood of bitter accusations by both sides following the month-long border war between the two communist neighbors.

The note from the Vietnamese Foreign Affairs Ministry was sent to China Saturday, Radio Hanoi said.

It requested the Chinese to "kindly" give Vietnam a list of the delegation's names and other details so that arrangements for the talks could be made.

They are expected to deal with normalizing relations between the two countries and to cover a wide range of problems including the exact alignment of the border.

China has said all its troops in Vietnam returned home on March 16 but Vietnam has repeatedly disputed this and said earlier talks could not begin until the withdrawal was complete.

But Vietnam did not mention this condition last Wednesday when it again proposed talks at vice foreign ministry level.

In a related development, the

Soviet Communist Party daily "Pravda" Thursday expressed regret that China had decided to end its friendship treaty with Moscow and said the accord could have been amended to suit both sides.

It expressed regret that the Chinese had "failed to show any interest in preserving its substance."

China announced on Tuesday that it would not renew the treaty of friendship alliance and mutual

assistance when it expires next year. The accord was signed by Mao Tse-tung and Stalin in 1950.

The article quoted pro-Soviet statements by the late Chinese leader before the rift between the two communist superpowers and said that China had since "embarked on the road of great-power chauvinism."

Peking had decided to end the treaty because it stood in the way of China's "struggle against world socialism," it said.

IOC settles China issue as Peking softens stand

MONTEVIDEO, April 7 (AP) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Saturday admitted mainland China into membership, maintained recognition of Taiwan and left it up to the two Chinas to work out details of living together after two days of debate, and meetings with delegations from both Peking and Taipei.

Lord Killanin, president of the IOC, said: "remarkable progress has been made in the last few days and I think the doors are open for us to have it both ways."

"If the door is slammed by either side, it will not be my fault," Killanin said Peking, which applied for Olympic recognition but insisted that the IOC disown Taiwan had now changed its

ground. "The Peking people told us they would agree to the direct recognition of the Olympic Committee in Taiwan," Killanin said.

Until two days ago, Peking was insisting that Taiwan be treated as a part of China.

The IOC resolution issued Saturday morning, reads in part: "The IOC resolves to recognize the Chinese Olympic Committee located in Peking and maintain recognition of the Chinese Olympic Committee located in Taipei."

"All matters pertaining to names, anthems, flags and constitutions will be the subject of studies and agreements which will have to be completed as soon as possible by the two Chinas."

To participate in elections

Marcos invites Muslim exiles home

MANILA, April 7 (AP) — President Ferdinand Marcos said Saturday he has invited Filipino Muslim rebel leaders based in the Middle East to come home and participate in next month's elections of two regional legislative

assemblies, which the rebels oppose.

Marcos made the announcement only a week after Libyan Ambassador Mustafa Dreiza warned that the elections are doomed to failure unless the Moro National Liberation Front, which

has spearheaded a 6 1/2-year-old uprising for self-rule in the southern Philippines, takes an active part.

The two regions where elections are scheduled on May 7 comprise 10 southern provinces, where between two million and three million Muslims, out of the Philippines' 45 million population, are concentrated.

Speaking to reporters after presiding over a meeting of the country's top military and defense officials, Marcos said that aside from having already sent out formal invitations to Nur Misuari, the Libya-based MNLF leader, he was also sending an unnamed personal representative to the Middle East.

The other MNLF leader Marcos named was Hashim Salamat, who the government claims figures in a bitter power struggle for MNLF control with Misuari. It could not be ascertained immediately in which Middle Eastern country Salamat is currently based.

Marcos said the government would guarantee the rebels' safety during their stay in the country, adding that "if they do not want to stay, they can leave and we guarantee their safety."

Gulf federation proposed by Kuwait, paper says

KUWAIT, April 7 (AP) — Kuwait has proposed that the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain "merge in a political unity," the daily newspaper "Al-Siyassah" reported Saturday.

Quoting "well informed sources" the paper said the proposal was made in a letter from Kuwait's ruler, carried by foreign minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber to UAE leader Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan.

Earlier reports said the letter was part of Kuwaiti ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah's good offices to solve differences between

between Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai, the second largest UAE member.

Border and financial disputes between Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and among other members of the UAE have prevented a meeting of the Supreme Council of the UAE to iron out differences.

Qatar and Bahrain opted to remain out of the UAE when the seven member federation was formed in 1971 of small emirates which formed part of the British-protected Trucial Coast.

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Troops

mob and made 15 arrests.

A passenger train was stoned at Sakrand while at nearby Sehwan, 240 kilometers from Karachi, demonstrators damaged the railway line and stopped a freight train from going through.

At Tala, police were mobilized to remove roadblocks blocking the highway about 200 kilometers from Karachi.

The para-military Rangers patrolled Lahore, capital of the Punjab, in jeeps with mounted light machineguns. They restored calm in the city Friday night after hundreds of pro-Bhutto youths burned down the office of the local commissioner, a bank, two gas stations and 17 vehicles.

The youths attacked in groups of 40 or 50, taking the Lahore police by surprise.

Part of the city was plunged into darkness after a power station was damaged, officials reported.

Two Karachi banks were badly damaged by fire and 158 people were arrested during Friday's violence, according to a government statement.

One person was killed Friday and two seriously injured in Gujranwala near Lahore and at Thatta, 130 kilometers from Karachi, a Bhutto supporter committed suicide by hanging himself.

Bhutto's Iranian-born wife Begum Nusrat and daughter Benazir, who are under detention near Rawalpindi, were allowed to

account for about a third of the \$3 billion in aid which Washington has agreed to give Israel for its military deployment from Sinai.

Under the contracts signed Friday by Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weisman and U.S. Assistant Defense Secretary David McGifford, American firms involved in building the airfields may not use local equipment and manpower without the permission of the Israeli Defense Ministry.

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An official communique said 137 people had been arrested in Bhutto's home state of Sind. In Karachi, 98 people were detained, although 40 were later released on their promises of good behavior.

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The Republican leader predicted congress would pass some form of windfall profits tax this year — but not the one proposed by the president.

Rep. Clarence J. Brown, R-Ohio, ranking minority member on the House Energy and Power Subcommittee, said Carter's plan does little to either reduce U.S. reliance on oil imports or to enhance U.S. production. "When someone gets a cartel on apples, you don't cut down your own apple trees," Brown said. "You plant more apples."

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